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M. LAVAL

SUPPLIES MUST GO TO RUSSIA

U.S. Attitude To Japanese Protest

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at a press conference made it plain that the United States adhered to the freedom of the seas policy in connection with the shipment of war supplies to Russia through the Pacific.

Asked whether the United States would insist on the freedom of the seas in carrying out the shipments despite Japanese objections, Mr. Cordell Hull replied that until that policy is revoked, it could be assumed that it was in effect.

As regards the possibility of Japan making representations to the United States concerning shipments to Vladivostok, Mr. Hull said that he would leave any statement on this point at present to the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

Nomura Sees Hull

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (UP).—The Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, for 40 minutes today after which he declined to reveal the subjects discussed, although he admitted that Japanese resentment might exist on account of Russia's ability to obtain materials here which Japan has been unable to acquire.

Meanwhile reliable sources indicated that the United States is momentarily expected to join Russia in firmly rejecting the Japanese protest against the shipment of American war materials to Russia via Vladivostok.

When Admiral Nomura arrived at the State Department to confer with Mr. Hull he said that he had brought no formal diplomatic representations from Tokyo. Questioned regarding the Russian trade matter, Admiral Nomura was non-committal but asserted that he still hoped for peace.

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H.K. People Were Aboard The Zamzam; Are Now Prisoners

News has just reached the Colony that among the passengers of the liner, Zamzam, which was shelled and sunk by a Nazi raider in the South Atlantic in April, were two former residents of Hongkong, Dr Robert Starling, formerly of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., and his wife.

Dr Starling, who was in charge of the Electric Company's Stores Department at North Point for many years, resigned in December 1938 and proceeded to Chicago to take a course in chiropractic. It is believed that he was on his way to South Africa to set up practice there when the Zamzam was attacked.

Dr Starling was wounded as he was leaving his cabin. Mrs Starling, who is also well known in Hongkong, raced down a ladder to hold a boat for her husband, whom three men had carried to the side of the ship.

Special to the "Telegraph"
VICHY, Aug. 27 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval, former Premier of France, and a pro-German, was attacked to-day by a Communist during a ceremony for the mobilisation of anti-Communist volunteers at Borghis des Bordes barracks, Versailles, shot in the arm and liver and seriously wounded. M. Marcel Deat, editor of the German-controlled Paris daily "L'Oeuvre" was also wounded.

Laval, with other prominent Frenchmen arrived at Versailles at 5 p.m. to attend the formal raising of the French colours over the barracks.

During the ceremony, two terrorists approached and shot at Laval from a few yards. One assailant, identified as Paul Colette, a communist, was taken to prison after being nearly lynched by bystanders.

The official party removed the wounded Laval to hospital. This marked the first terrorist attack since the Shaumburg manifesto was issued threatening to shoot hostages for attacks on Germans. Laval has received numerous threatening letters since the start of the Russian war.

W. African Bases For U.S. Fleet?

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—A report from America that General de Gaulle had offered to put the Free French ports in Africa at the disposal of the United States as naval bases, presumably to counteract the German influence at Dakar, was read with attention, states "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The Free French Headquarters in London stated that they had no knowledge of such an offer though in any case the decision would be made by the General himself at Brazzaville.

From what is known of the General's views, however, it was thought that if America considered these ports would prove useful to the United States, the Free French would gladly place them at America's disposal.

Dominions Approve Atlantic Charter

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—All Dominion Governments were kept informed of the progress of the talks between President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill which took place somewhere in the Atlantic, and led to the formulation of what is now known as the Atlantic Charter, states "Reuter's" Lobby Correspondent.

Whole-hearted approval has been expressed by all Dominion Governments to the British Government at the terms and aims of the charter.

Successful Operation

M. Laval telephoned to his wife from the hospital at 8.45 p.m. and in a clear voice said that the bullet had been successfully removed from his arm and also his liver, adding, "I will recover." The bullet wound in M. Deat's arm is not serious.

The third victim was Major Darvy whose condition is not serious.

The shooting occurred during the flag-raising ceremony in the barracks courtyard when 1,200 volunteers were made ready to go to Poland.

Who's Who

M. Deat is regarded as one of the most outspoken pro-German, anti-Pétain figures in Paris. Major Darvy is a member of the National Popular Assembly Party in Paris—an anti-Pétain political organisation sponsored by Germans. Deat is also a member of this group.

The shooting threatened to inaugurate a wave of German reprisals inasmuch as the new Nazi orders provide for severe penalties for anti-Nazi, anti-Vichy troublemakers.

The French Government was informed by telephone at 8.30 p.m. of the attacks. The Minister of Justice, M. Barthélemy arrived in Vichy at the same time from Paris where he had instituted anti-terrorist, anti-Communist special courts.

Condition Not Grave

At 10 p.m. the Versailles hospital said that Laval's condition was not grave. The bullet entered the right side above the liver and tore through the abdomen without tearing intestine and went out the left side without seriously injuring any of the organs.

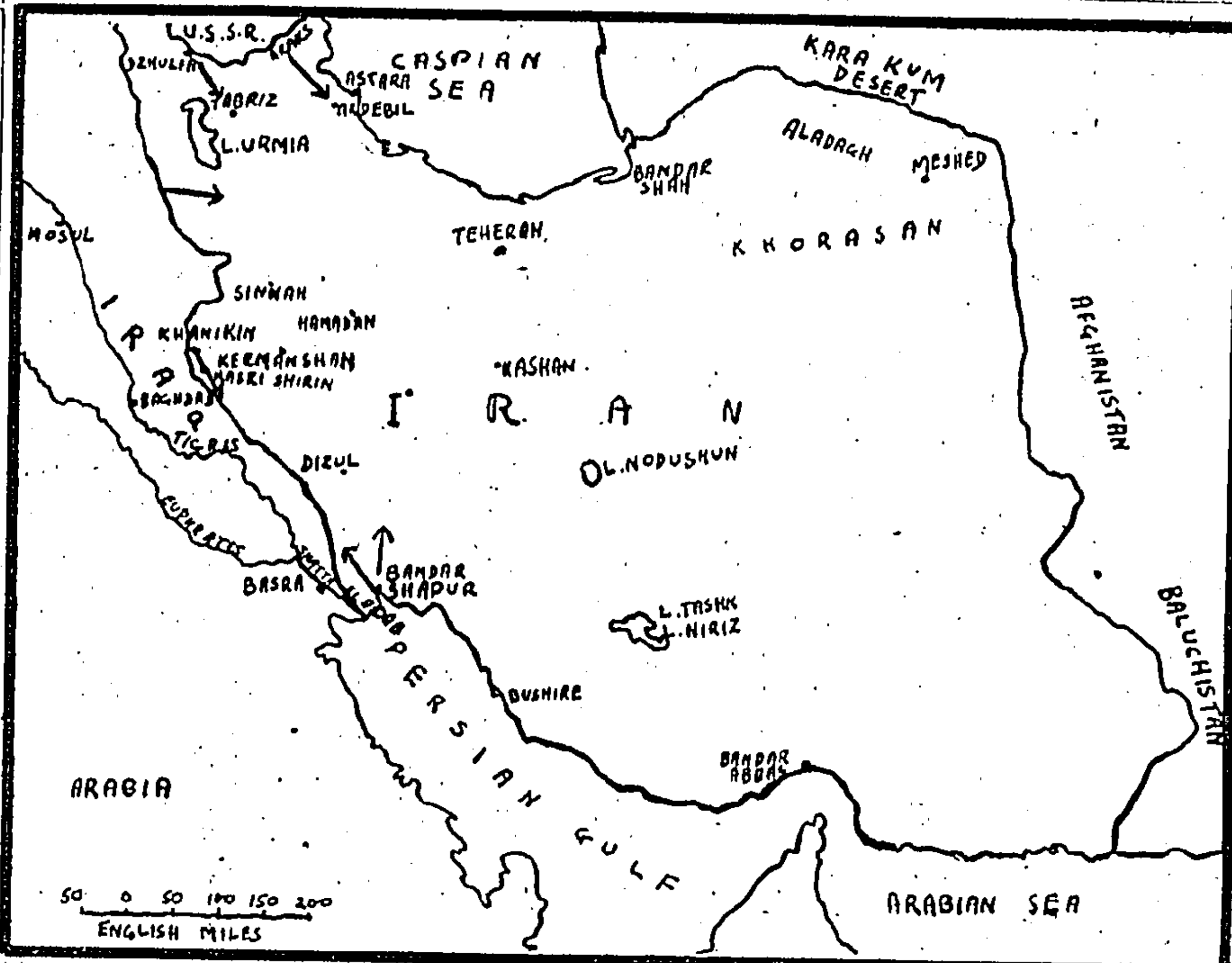
The assailant, Paul Colette, although he belonged to a Communist youth organization, enlisted in the anti-Communist Legion which explained his presence amongst the youths who were being mobilised.

Laval's operation last 40 minutes. M. René De Chambrun, another TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

Iranian Cabinet Resigns, Report

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—According to an Iranian spokesman in Ankara, the Iranian Cabinet resigned to-day, says Martin Agronsky, the N.B.C. radio commentator.



Germans And Italians Taken Prisoner In Iran Action

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is learned here that a large number of Germans and Italians are among the prisoners taken at Bandar Shapur. Many Iranian naval prisoners were also taken at Bandar Shapur and Khorramshah.

SHAH SOLD ALL GRAIN TO NAZIS

Food Riots Break Out

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated in London that the Iranian Government, tempted by favourable credit terms which the Germans offered, have sold for export virtually the whole year's grain harvest as well as stocks of tea and sugar with a complete disregard of the needs of the Iranians.

Already there is much destitution. Food riots have taken place in Shiraz, Isfahan, Yazd, Kermán and Hamadan and even in the capital there is a serious shortage, and discontent is rife.

Supplies From Iraq

It is estimated that in the oil areas of the southwest, the existing supplies will suffice for the barest needs of the civil population only until September 15.

In view of this lamentable state of affairs, orders have been given to the General Officer Commanding the British troops to import at once into the area occupied by the British 650 tons of wheat from Iraq.

This represents something like one month's supply and will meet the initial requirements. It will in due course be supplemented by further consignments from India.

DUKE OF KENT AT HAMILTON

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Duke of Kent, on arrival at Hamilton, was greeted by civic, Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Canadian Mounted officials. He was escorted along streets lined by Army and Sutherland Highlanders and his procession was headed by a detachment of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel.

The Duke visited a factory of the Canadian Westinghouse Company and inspected its munitions section after which he lunched at No. 33 Navigation School at Mount Hope.

Allied Coup In Iran

The invasion of Iran by British and Russian forces to forestall Nazi action, is progressing favourably. This map indicates the points from where the Allies are making their advance. The British attacks are mainly from Iraq and in the south, while the Soviets have made two penetrations from the north as indicated by the arrows.

Strong Russian Counter-Attacks Launched on the Dnieper Front

VICHY, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest message to the Vichy news agency to-night, Russian troops have launched counter-attacks "with all their available forces" on the lower Dnieper River battle-front. The Hungarians claim that so far all have been repulsed.

Rumanian Army Discord

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—General Ciavara, former Inspector-General of the Rumanian Army, has been shot for opposing the sending of the Rumanian Army to fight beyond the Danube, according to rumours in Bucharest quoted by the Independent correspondent of the Independent French news agency.

He adds that 12 Rumanian Generals have resigned for the same reason.

On Road To Moscow

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—"Amalut" was the name of the trumpets and roll of drums the Germans to-day announce the capture of Velike Lugi, a junction on the direct railway from Riga to Moscow. They claim a big bag of prisoners and 400 guns.

The area marks the junction of the armies of Voroshilov and Timoshenko and it would be the natural place for the Germans to attempt to drive in a wedge.

The Russian communique again speaks of severe fighting all along the front but does not mention any place specifically. It must be admitted that this severe reticence of Russian communiques does engender a certain degree of nervousness especially as it leaves the field clear for resounding TURN to Back Page, Column 3

GERMAN PRESSURE ON TURKEY

New Developments Anticipated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 27 (UP).—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from Beirut states that renewed German diplomatic pressure on Turkey, coupled with the spectacular military preparations in Bulgaria and the Aegean Islands, has resulted in the belief that Hitler is contemplating a move to counter the Anglo-Russian march on Iran.

The report said that Ambassador von Papen is returning to Ankara to confer with M. Sarajoglu and cited that the Turkish Ambassador to Berlin has been summoned to Hitler's eastern front headquarters after a lightning visit to Ankara.

Noting the reports of German concentrations, it said, "The important British military conference just concluded at Jerusalem surveyed all possibilities."

Von Papen In Ankara

ANKARA, Aug. 27 (UP).—The German Ambassador, Colonel Franz von Papen arrived in Ankara this morning and conferred with the Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu.

Spirit Of Norway Unquelled

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Recent reports from Norway indicate that despite the state of siege existing, acts of sabotage are steadily increasing, according to a Moscow report to-day.

"The German authorities have made recourse to mass arrests and concentration camps are full to overflowing," says the report.

One of the most important acts of the saboteurs occurred at Trondheim where a "violent explosion was heard. It was a huge dump of German aerial bombs."

Many fires are raging in Norway, says the report, especially in districts where the German Command have built important secret military establishments.

H.K. Soon to be Able to Buy War Savings Certificates

It is hoped that very shortly Hongkong residents will be able to purchase war savings certificates in the Colony.

This was indicated officially this morning, when it was revealed that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had approved of the idea of making available to the Hongkong public savings certificates in a similar manner to which people at Home can purchase.

Legislation is now being drafted to make this effective and it is expected the Bill will be ready for presentation to the Legislative Council within a few weeks.

It is presumed, although not stated, that war savings certificates will be purchasable from Post Offices, banks and other authorised centres.

Schools will probably be encouraged to assist the war effort by buying these certificates, as they are in England. There a weekly contribution of usually sixpence is made by a child and when the required amount has been subscribed, he receives his certificate. These are interest-bearing. Business houses also organise drives in England for the sale of certificates, or towns a special "Savings Week". These ideas might profitably be employed in Hongkong when the certificates become available to the public.

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Justice of Reasons

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—While there is no confirmation in London of reports that the Iranian Government may seek a peaceful settlement with Britain and Russia, there is little doubt that the Shah appreciates the formidable nature of the opposition of the forces moving into Iran, "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns.

Moreover, it is felt that the Iranian Government must by this time be convinced of the justice of the reasons which led Britain and Russia to take action and of the importance

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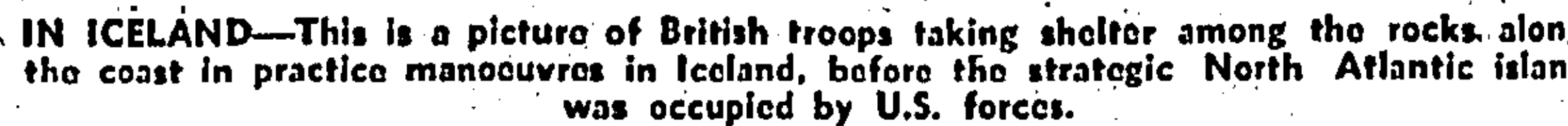
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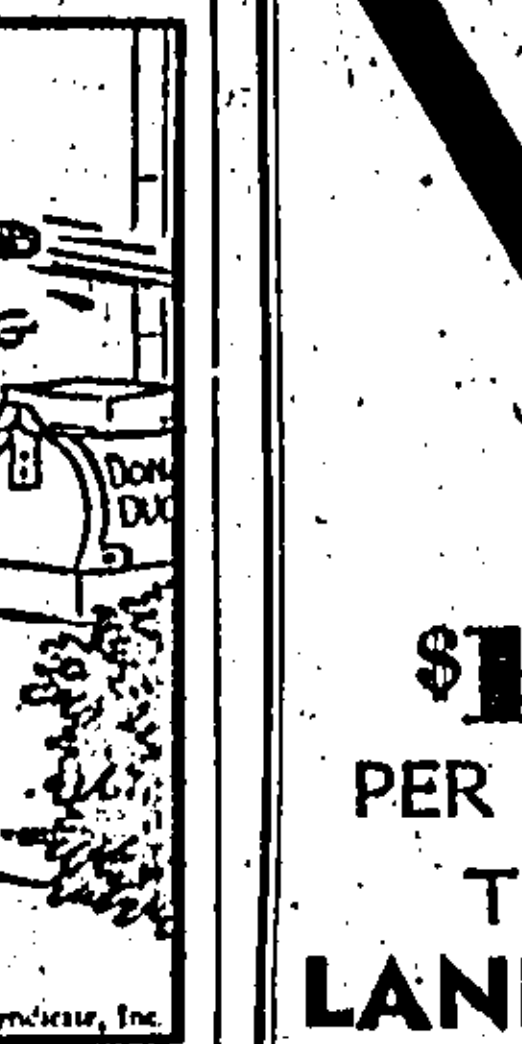
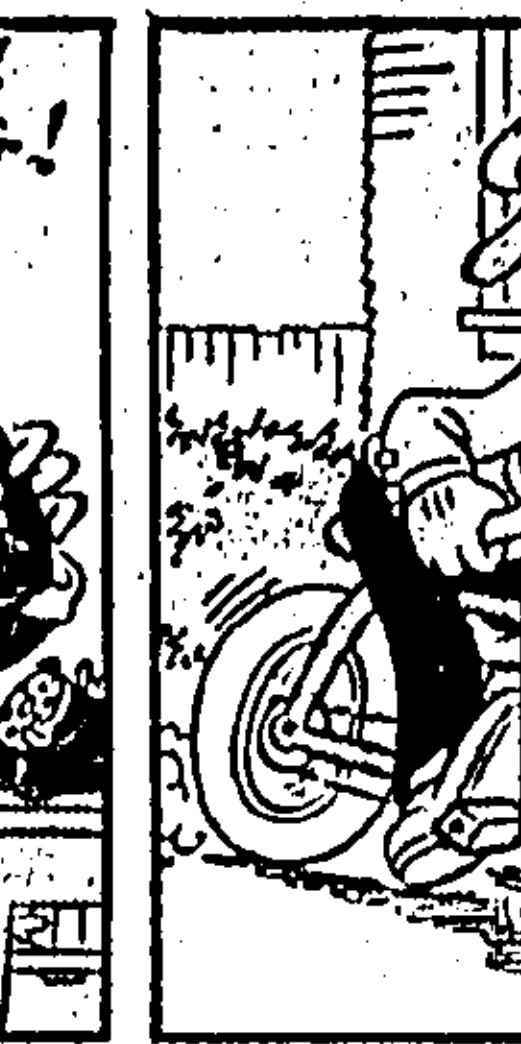
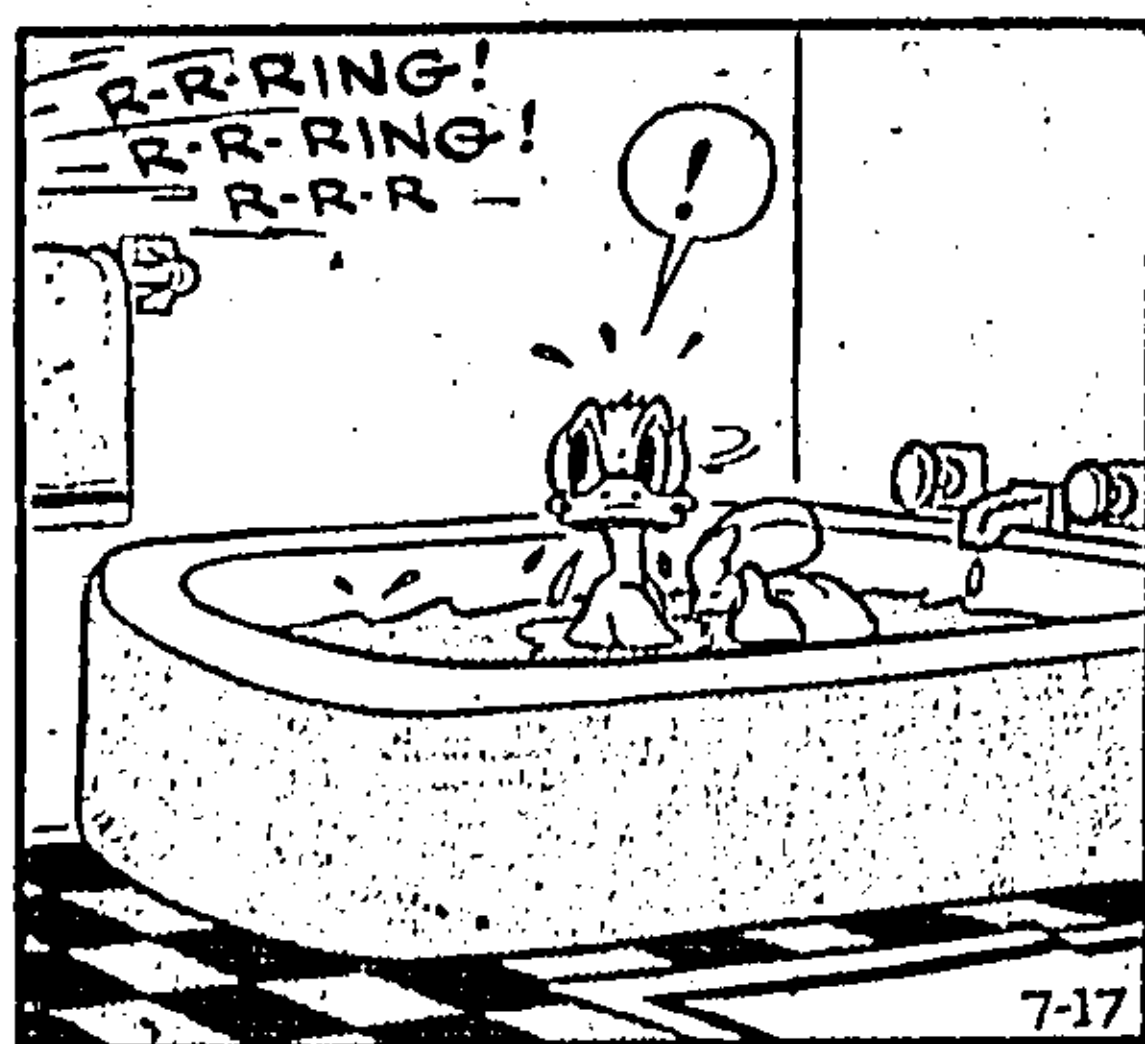
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Inconsistency

LEADING against a slam is a pretty ticklish proposition; hence, with rare and obvious exceptions, a player cannot be blamed if his selection goes wrong. Once the dummy has appeared, however, the defence against slams is easier than that against mere game contracts, and there is no excuse for such a play as West made in the following deal:

South dealer.	Neither side vulnerable.	Match-point duplicate.
♠ K 7 ♥ K 3 ♦ A 9 ♣ A J 10 9 5	♠ Q 9 5 4 2 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 8 4 3 ♣ Q 6 2	
♠ A J 8 ♥ Q J 10 5 2 ♦ 10 ♣ K 7 4 3	♠ 10 ♥ 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	
South 1♣ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥ (1) Pass	North 3NT Pass 5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass	East 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass 6♠ Pass

An may be observed, South was anything but timid in his bidding. Having opened with a minimum heart bid, he later blithely accepted his partner's slam invitation.

West, after considerable thought, decided to open a low spade. Dummy ducked and East's queen lost to the ace. Declarer led a low heart to the king. West ducked, and a second round was led to the ten. West again held up, but took the third round, then, after much more squinting and brow-wrinkling (during which time East stared mournfully at his club queen with the uneasy conviction that she would soon be torn from his grasp), con-

firm East's gloomy forebodings by shifting to the singleton club. De-clarer's vital club "guess" turned into a certainty, and after drawing West's last trump he spread his slam.

The inconsistency of West's play was in the fact that quite obviously, he changed his mind in midstream. Even though he had first round trump control he properly refused to open his singleton club, being afraid (as he explained later) that such a lead would give declarer a free finesse if East held a minor honor in the suit. But, if the singleton club would have been a lead opening lead, what words can be found for the same lead after the dummy appeared? By that time West could see that declarer's opening heart bid and later slam bid had been based on the A-J of spades, the Q-J-10 of hearts, and possibly the queen of diamonds. Surely, it was inconceivable that he could lack the club king.

Of course, declarer might have guessed the position of the club queen if left to his own devices, but poor East would gladly have taken his chances on that!

To-morrow's Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 7 5 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K 5 4 2 ♣ A K 7 4	♠ 10 9 8 7 ♥ A 10 7 5 ♦ 4 2 ♣ J 9	♠ J 9 4 3 ♥ K Q 9 8 3 ♦ 7 ♣ Q 6 5
♠ A Q 10 8 ♥ A Q 10 6 ♦ 10 8 5 2	♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ 10 8 5 2 ♦ 10 8 5 2 ♣ 10 8 5 2	

How should this hand be played at a four spade contract, with South the declarer? Opening lead heart ace.

"Telegraph" Film Serial RAGE IN HEAVEN

By James Hilton

author of "Goodbye, Mr Chips" and "Lost Horizon"

The Story So Far:

FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS the house was as silent as the grave. Philip stayed in his room and ate his meals as if he were a man in solitary confinement. And until the late hours of the morning, he would write in his diary, his pen flying, his lips twisted into a peculiar smile.

One night Stella could bear it no longer. She knocked on his door and when she stepped in, Philip was sitting before the fireplace scanning some letters.

"Stella. This is an unexpected pleasure. Please sit down. I'm just reading your last letter to Mother."

She drew in her breath sharply. He had taken them from the post before they were sent. "You—you opened them?"

"Of course. All. And never one word of complaint. Nobody can say you're not a loyal wife."

All at once, he rose and came toward her. "We're so unhappy, aren't we darling?" he asked gently. "All three of us. You, because you love Ward and have to stay with me. Ward, because he loves you and can't have you. And I, because nobody loves me."

Now his voice softened even more. "We must put an end to it, Stella. We two together." His eyes were glittering madly. "Then I'll have you all to myself at last." Slowly, his hands went toward her throat. "Don't be frightened darling. It's so easy and you know I wouldn't hurt you—"

Her terrified scream cut through his words. "No! No! No!" Sobbing hysterically, she ran from the room.



"Not that I'm expecting burglars," said Philip. "But you never know. Everybody has some enemies, haven't they?"

Ward, then he staggered backward a few steps as if measuring how far a body would fall. After that he polished the knife with his handkerchief until blade and handle shone. Then he replaced it in the door crack and tied it to the bell rope in such a way that it seemed as if the knife handle were the bell handle.

THAT NIGHT, when the moon was high, Philip watched her as she crept out of the house, wearing a coat and carrying a suitcase. So she was gone. He felt all twisted inside. What he had always feared, had happened.

The next day he telephoned Ward in London and, just as he had expected, Stella was there with him. No, Ward informed him, she was not returning. She had suffered too much. She was going to try to make something else of her life.

But Philip was his most persuasive self. "Oh, I know, she was perfectly right. I deserved it. She can have the divorce whenever she wants. I'd like to talk to you about that as soon as possible. No, please, not in London. I'd be too near Stella. You know how I feel."

And so it was arranged—against Stella's better judgment. Ward was to come out to Chasingford late the next day.

PHILIP WAS QUITE PLEASED with himself. It had been easier than he thought. They were diabolically simple, yet perfect to the last minute detail. He got them under way a few hours before Ward was expected.

First he sent Clark, the butler, off to mail some packages, taking care to give Annie and Cook the day off. But before Clark left he made an enigmatic statement about locking all the doors and windows. Clark was rather surprised.

Philip laughed. "Not that I'm expecting burglars. But you never know. Everybody has some enemies, haven't they?"

When the servants were all gone he went into the library and tried out his device. He placed a hunting knife between the door that led to the hall and the door post. Then he advanced to the tip of the blade to see that it touched his heart. Satisfied that the knife was in position he opened the door. The knife dropped to the

floor. Then he staggered backward a few steps as if measuring how far a body would fall. After that he polished the knife with his handkerchief until blade and handle shone. Then he replaced it in the door crack and tied it to the bell rope in such a way that it seemed as if the knife handle were the bell handle.

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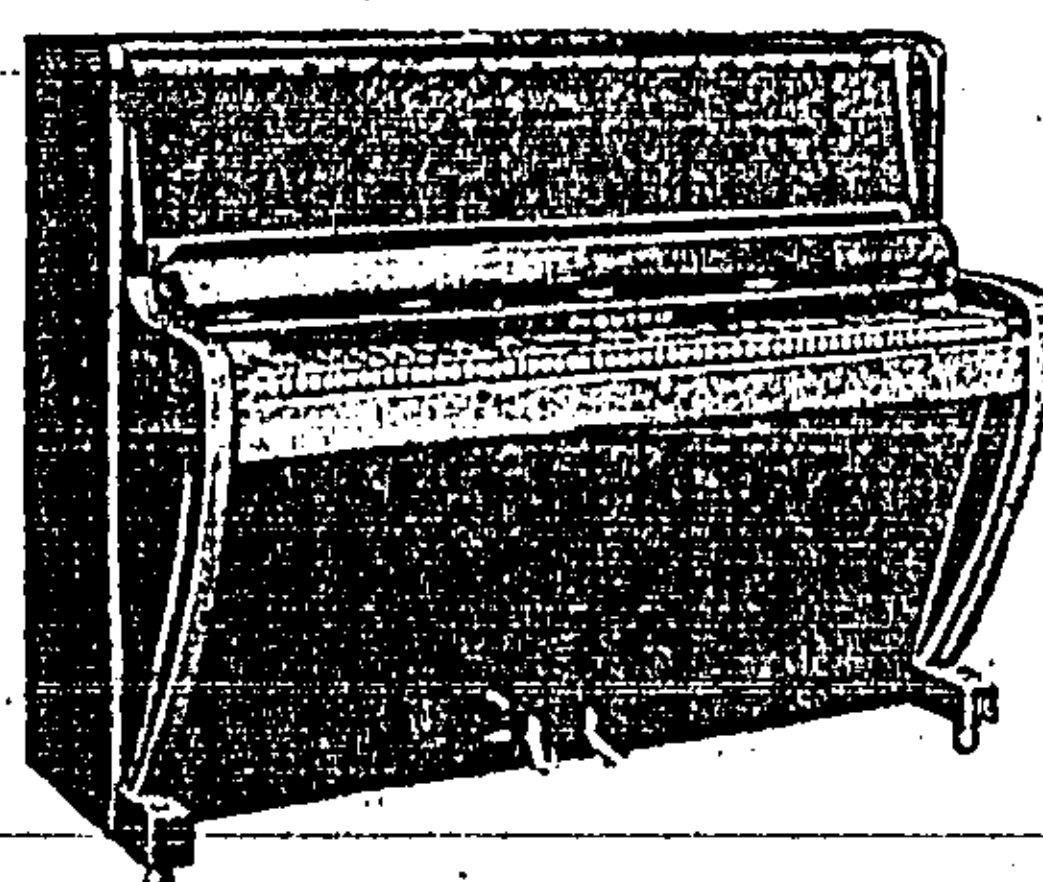
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"Then I must have dreamt it. A vivid dream, Hawkins, because their noses all turned red."

"Undoubtedly a dream, Sir, since I took the precaution of evacuating the bowl to my pantry when Lord Henry began to sing."

"Very wise of you, Hawkins."

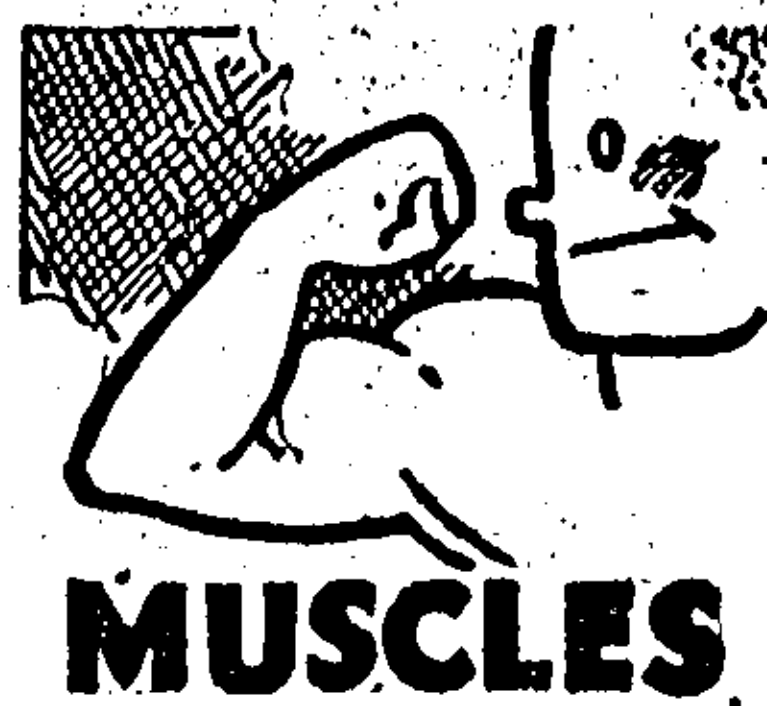
Were many glasses broken?"

"None, Sir."

"No casualties to any of the guests?"

"No, Sir. And judging from the amount of Rose's consumed, there will be no headaches this morning either. We got through six and a half bottles of Rose's Lime Juice."

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TIME TO ATTACK?

IT would appear to an amateur student of strategy that the development of the war has opened great possibilities to the Imperial command. At Home we have now an army that must be the best in the world after a summer of strenuous training with the best weapons and with a backbone of veterans of several hard-fought though unsuccessful campaigns in France, Norway and elsewhere. Our production has had relief from continuous bombing and has made great progress. With such forces it is certain that we can hold freedom's most important citadel from any invading forces that Hitler can produce within the next twelve months. The question for our command to consider is whether the British Garrison should be kept at home or used to invade the continent.

The number of planes we can afford to send over Germany these days and nights would indicate that we have sufficient to lead, protect and consolidate an invasion force across the Channel especially as the distance is short enough to maintain a constant aerial service. With the Channel blocked at both ends, parachute troops could be dropped fifty miles behind the French coast to tackle the enemy held ports while naval and air protected transports laid siege from the opposite face. Once paths to the principal ports were laid clear a dozen self-contained armies could cut right across to Switzerland. When the success of a north to south corridor had been determined, the risk of further depleting Britain's garrison could be taken and the thousands of trained men who had been prepared for invasion as well as defence could be released from that zone to free all France of the Nazi troops.

The further question then arises whether to sustain the offensive and press on through the lowlands into Germany or south into Italy or to consolidate our position. The present tendency is all against permanent defences but we should need terrific strength and we must have a powerful dose of the blitz ready in order to crush the enemy in this one great blow. Russia has struck a great blow at Germany's strength and we certainly shall not give her the opportunity of recuperating it and when she calls halt on the eastern front.

In considering this offensive we cannot afford to take too much notice of Japan. We have offered legitimate conciliation and we have laid our plans if this fails. We cannot expect to win all along the line immediately and we are no doubt prepared to suffer temporary reverses to achieve our main object. It will give every Allied subject a thrill to consider how near must be the day when the fortunes of war will turn.

Germany's Major Blunder

By Victor Gordon Lennox
Diplomatic Correspondent,
London "Daily Telegraph"

For twenty-two months the pendulum of war fortunes has swung steadily in favour of aggressor Germany. To-day we see Germany labouring in the toils of her first major miscalculation or blunder. The German armies were to have been in Moscow within eight days—some say ten.

By now Russian organised resistance was to have crumbled, revolution broken out, a Quisling Government installed in the Kremlin and the scene was to have been set for presentation to Britain—and the world—of the Nazi New Order peace programme. But Hitler is still far from the objectives which his armies were to have taken, while the United States, recovered from the first shock of finding Russia and Britain fighting on the same side, is accelerating its progression from non-belligerency to para-belligerency. That is precisely what Hitler schemed to anticipate. If he realises that he is in danger of failing we may expect to see the most reckless employment of his available forces in a frenzied endeavour to catch up with the original programme.



Because Russia is opposing a stubborn resistance to the enemy and hitherto has prevented him from gaining his objectives we must not lightly assume that the outcome is a foregone conclusion. No such easy optimism is to be found in Moscow.

In London we are aware that the Soviet leaders are fully conscious of the great weight of pressure which the German forces can bring to bear on the whole length of this tremendous front. At the present time the most dangerous thrust is that directed against Leningrad. In these circumstances it is understandable that the Russian military mission in London is asking for all measures of aid and distraction which Britain can provide. Moscow probably recognises that these must primarily be confined to air operations with possible naval diversions and consolidation of the British positions in theatres not yet wholly satisfactory. Such would be the situation in Libya—incidentally the one area where additional tanks might be employed with advantage by British forces.



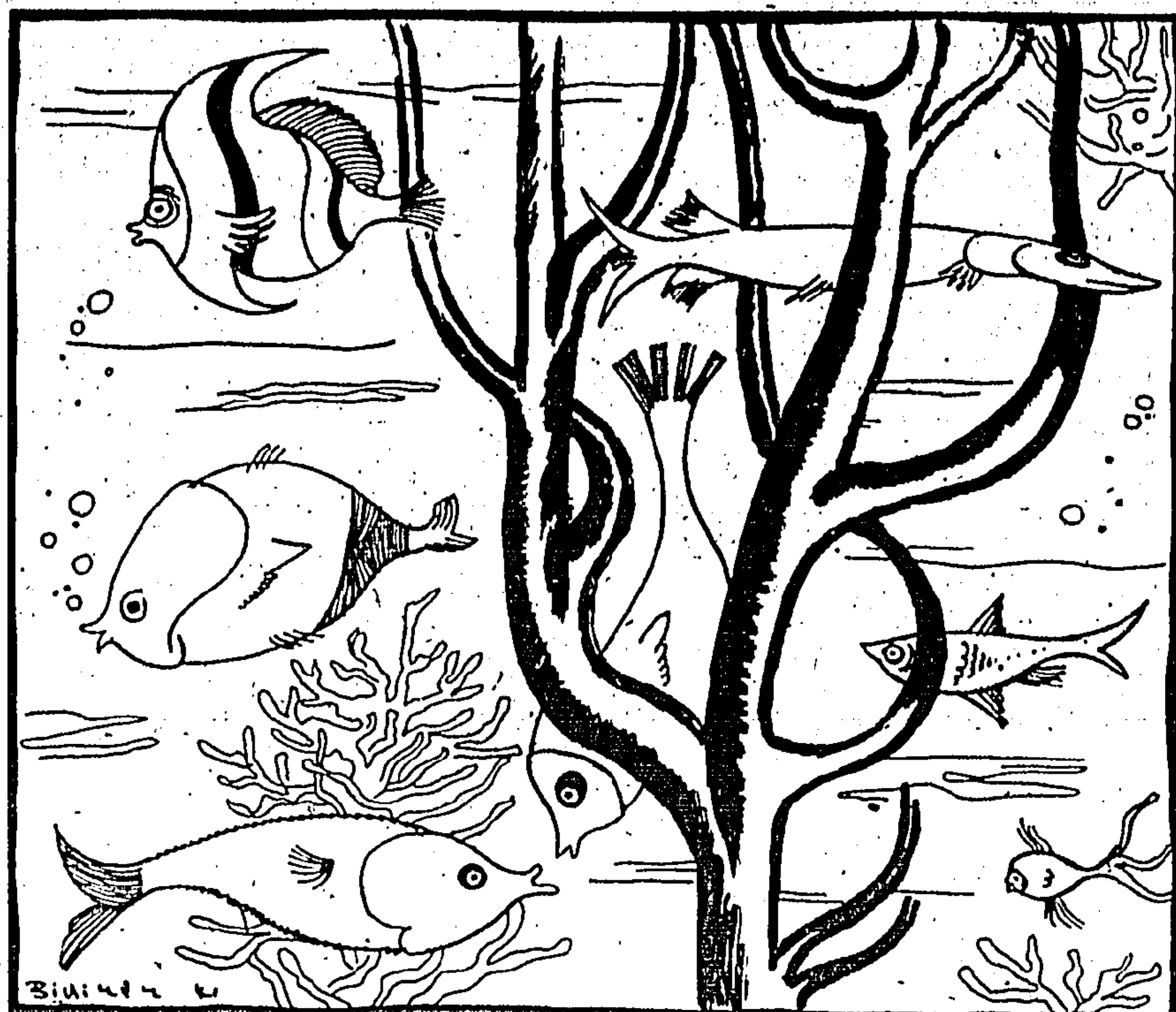
Meantime Britain will be doing everything possible to collaborate with the United States in securing the outer defences of the American Continent. In Washington it seems to be well-believed that bases for the use of American ships and aircraft are now available in Northern Ireland. They will be of great value to United States ships carrying supplies to Iceland and to American war vessels patrolling the sea lanes along which supplies for Britain can be carried.

At present one does not know what further outposts President Roosevelt and his Ministers wish to establish in the Central and Southern Atlantic areas. Unfortunately, although Portugal is Britain's oldest ally, Dr Salazar, her all-powerful Premier, has no liking for the idea of leasing or lending bases to the United States or permitting the Portuguese Atlantic islands to pass under American protection. Indeed, the Portuguese Government, still fearful lest the German military machine may one day be launched against the Iberian Peninsula, seems determined to establish itself and its armed forces in those island areas.

In these directions we may look for a careful diplomatic approach from Washington and London—one which will pay due regard to the repercussions on opinion in certain of the Latin American states.

HAPPINESS IN THE BALTIC

By Billiken



"We are lucky! I've heard that the Nazis are preparing more convoys."

Japan's Dilemma

By LORD STRABOLGI

The Japanese Government is in the difficult position of being a member of the Axis group and under obligation to Germany and Italy to help them in the event of another Great Power entering the war. Russia is now in the war, and this condition might therefore be supposed to have been fulfilled by the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia. On the other hand Japan has a recent treaty of neutrality and non-aggression with Russia. If the Government in Tokyo desired to escape from this dilemma and to remain neutral, it could, no doubt, be argued that Germany had made the first hostile move against Russia and that Japan has not been consulted beforehand.

The Japanese Government still clings to the tradition of observing international law and not engaging in unprovoked aggression on the German model. We see evidence of this in the fiction that the Sino-Japanese conflict is not a war, but an "incident." Nevertheless, if the Japanese Government decided that it was in the ultimate interest of the nation to intervene, reasons and excuses would be forthcoming.

Tokyo Should Realise

The statesmen in Tokyo have, nevertheless, to remember that no great economic advantages would follow from a joint Axis victory over Russia. The northern half of the island of Sakhalin and the Maritime Province of Siberia, which would be Japan's share of the spoils, are not particularly valuable. True, there are fishing and mining rights of some value to be acquired, but the Maritime Province has a severe climate and Japanese settlers do not thrive in cold weather countries. This has been shown already in Manchukuo, where the Japanese manage to live as officials and traders but have made no headway as farmers. The attractive prizes in the Pacific lie to the south, and here the Dutch East Indies are the great reward.

Here is the oil, rubber and other tropical products which Japan needs, and a ready-made market for her manufactured goods. Japanese activity in French Indo-China and Siam (Thailand), the important but abortive economic negotiations undertaken with the Government of the Dutch East Indies, and other activities are all evidence of a Japanese move to the south. The Government in Tokyo must decide whether it will attack Russia in the north or open up a campaign to the south. The latter would entail a great expedition for the investment and sedge of Singapore and the territory surrounding it. It is quite certain that Japan would have to beat the British Empire in this vast area before serious headway could be made against the Dutch East Indies.

It is absolutely certain beyond any doubt that any Japanese movement of hostility against the Dutch East Indies would automatically involve her in war with the whole British Empire.

The governments of Britain, Australia and New Zealand could never allow the Japanese to establish themselves in the Dutch East Indies, if for no other reason than that a successful Japanese lodgment in this chain of rich islands would be regarded as a preliminary to attacks in the future on both Australia and Burma and possibly India.

Lack of Resources

Another certain factor in the situation is that Japan's resources would not permit her to engage in a first-class campaign against Russia in the East simultaneously with a great drive to the south against the Malay archipelago and the Dutch Islands. It is known that the Japanese Mercantile Marine is barely sufficient for Japan's present commitments. In 1939 the Japanese Merchant Navy numbered 2,337 vessels, of 5,629,845 tons. New ships have been built since the outbreak of the present war, and a number have been lost by German submarine attack and other warlike actions. On balance, it is doubtful if the Japanese Mercantile Marine totals more than 6,000,000 tons. A great part of it is engaged in supplying the immense armies on the mainland of China. The remainder is fully employed in carrying Japanese exports which must be sold abroad if the economy of the nation is not to be crippled and in importing the petroleum, iron ore, rubber, cotton, wool, and other products in which Japan herself is deficient and which are necessary for her present war effort against China and for her own industries.

An additional war would place the utmost strain on Japan's Mercantile Marine, and two additional wars would create an impossible situation.

Attack on Russia

Now if the Government of Tokyo decides to attack Russia, it must reckon on the British Empire immediately declaring war on Japan. This decision would be taken both on political and strategical grounds. It is in the highest interests of the British Empire that Russian resistance to the German armies should be successful and, in any case, prolonged. For the sake of public opinion in Russia it is necessary that all available aid should be given, and a will attack Russia in the north or open up a campaign to the south. The latter would entail a great expedition for the investment and sedge of Singapore and the territory surrounding it. It is quite certain that Japan would have to beat the British Empire in this vast area before serious headway could be made against the Dutch East Indies.

Which ever war Japan decided upon, she would immediately lose her seaborne trade outside the northern Pacific. Japanese commerce with the rest of the world must pass to the westward either through the Straits of Malacca, which are dominated by the fortress of Singapore, or through the Torres Straits to the north of Australia. How ever successful the Japanese war operations against Singapore they would be long drawn

out and, in the meantime, all vessels flying the Japanese flag would be liable to capture. Japanese trade to the eastward either through the Panama Canal or round Cape Horn, would be at the mercy of the British Navy.

I am leaving out of account any possible action by the United States of America. The American Government has declared that it will not tolerate any alterations in the status quo with regard to the Dutch East Indies. Even if the Japanese left the Dutch East Indies alone for the time being the Government in Tokyo could reckon on a certainty on the cutting off of all oil supplies from the U.S.A.

As the Dutch oil supplies would also be cut off Japan would have to live on her reserves of petroleum.

Southern Venture

In the event of the decision being taken to concentrate on war to the south, that is against the British Empire, the Japanese Government would have to anticipate the Russians intervening on the side of Britain, thus presenting Japan with a war on three fronts. It is known that the Russian military and aerial forces in Siberia are independently organised and commanded and self-contained, and that there is a large force of long-range bombers stationed in the Maritime Province. From there, these bombers could attack the crowded and vulnerable Japanese cities. Russia also has numerous fleets of submarines at Vladivostok which could do considerable damage in the Sea of Japan and which might interfere with supply ships and troopships serving the needs of the Japanese armies in China.

Japan has a great asset in her Navy, the third largest in the world. It consists of ten super-dreadnought battleships, two of which are just completed and are as powerful as any in the world. These are supported by two brand-new smaller battleships of the pocket battleship type, six aircraft-carriers, of which two are quite new, eight heavy cruisers, thirty light cruisers, about a hundred good destroyers and fifty to sixty submarines. Nevertheless, the situation of the German and Italian Navies is such that considerable British reinforcements could be sent to the Pacific and there would always be the nightmare of the intervention of the United States of America with an even more powerful Fleet in the highest state of efficiency and preparedness.

Major Struggle

Lastly, to add to the difficulties of Japan's decision, is uncertainty about the outcome of the major struggle in Eastern Europe between the German and Russian armies. However this develops, the Russians have succeeded in resisting the greatest blitzkrieg the German High Command has yet undertaken and there is evidence that Germany's difficulties are increasing. The political side of the blitzkrieg has failed, firstly because the anticipated uprising amongst the neutrals and even the belligerents against Communism has not materialised, and secondly because the Russian masses show no signs of disunity or revolt. The statement in Tokyo must consider the danger of the ruinous step of coming in on the losing side.

The peace party in Tokyo will, in any case, be strengthened by the signing of the Anglo-Russian Military Pact. The German propaganda had been active in Tokyo as elsewhere, in suggesting that Great Britain would seek a favourable opportunity for negotiating a separate peace with the Government of Berlin and allowing Germany and Russia to fight it out alone. It is now clear to all observers that there was never any such intention in London, and that the British and Russian peoples will continue military partnership to the end.

Enemy Strongholds In Mid. East Battered

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Libya. — Several targets in Crennaia and Tripolitania were attacked on the night of August 25-26. Tripoli harbour and dumps near the town were again heavily bombed. A particularly violent explosion was seen to hurl masses of debris high into the air and was followed by a bright fire and a number of other fires were started near the fort and power station.

At Benghazi several bombs were dropped on railway sidings and an enemy encampment. The same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the harbour of Bardia and obtained direct hits on ships and started fires among petrol dumps.

Bombers of the South African Air Force bombed and heavily damaged concentration of enemy mechanical transport vehicles near Restuenna yesterday.

Mediterranean.—Medium bombers of the R.A.F. attacked enemy ships in the Central Mediterranean yesterday. Direct hits of heavy bombs were obtained on one vessel and another ship was hit and left sinking.

Malta Defended
A number of Macchi 200s which approached Malta yesterday evening were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and chased back to Sicily, where three of them were shot down, one falling in a village.

Several other enemy fighters were badly damaged.

Cyprus.—R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down one Savoia-89 off Famagusta yesterday.

Abyssinia.—Enemy positions at Wolcheft and Gondar were bombed and machine-gunned yesterday by aircraft of the R.A.F. and S.A.A.F.

From all these operations three or four aircraft are missing.

STALIN STALLS U. S. REQUEST TO OBSERVE WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Asked whether any naval aid was being prepared for Russia, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, replied at a press conference that he had nothing in mind. He replied negatively to questions whether he planned to send a naval officer to the forthcoming Moscow talks or an additional Naval Attaché to the Moscow Embassy.

As regards the war in Russia, Colonel Knox said the Government had made repeated futile requests to send American observers to the fighting zone. "I wish you fellows would try to work on Joe Stalin to get some observers to the front."

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Government of India have announced that owing to a severe shortage of supplies, no iron and steel will be available for the erection of residential or office buildings and places of amusement.

POPULATION OF INDIA Substantially Below 400,000,000

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The preliminary census returns for India's populations taken early this year disclose an increase of 46,000,000 over the figure for 1931 and possibly an actual increase of approximately 60,000,000.

Although generally it is unofficially assumed that India's population numbers 400,000,000, the census reveals 389,000,000. The 1931 census gave 333,000,000 but this included Burma with about 14,500,000.

New Zealand Mechanisation

WELLINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Defence Minister, Mr. Jones, announced to-day the proposed formation of a New Zealand Army tank brigade for overseas, and the establishment of an armoured vehicles fighting school.

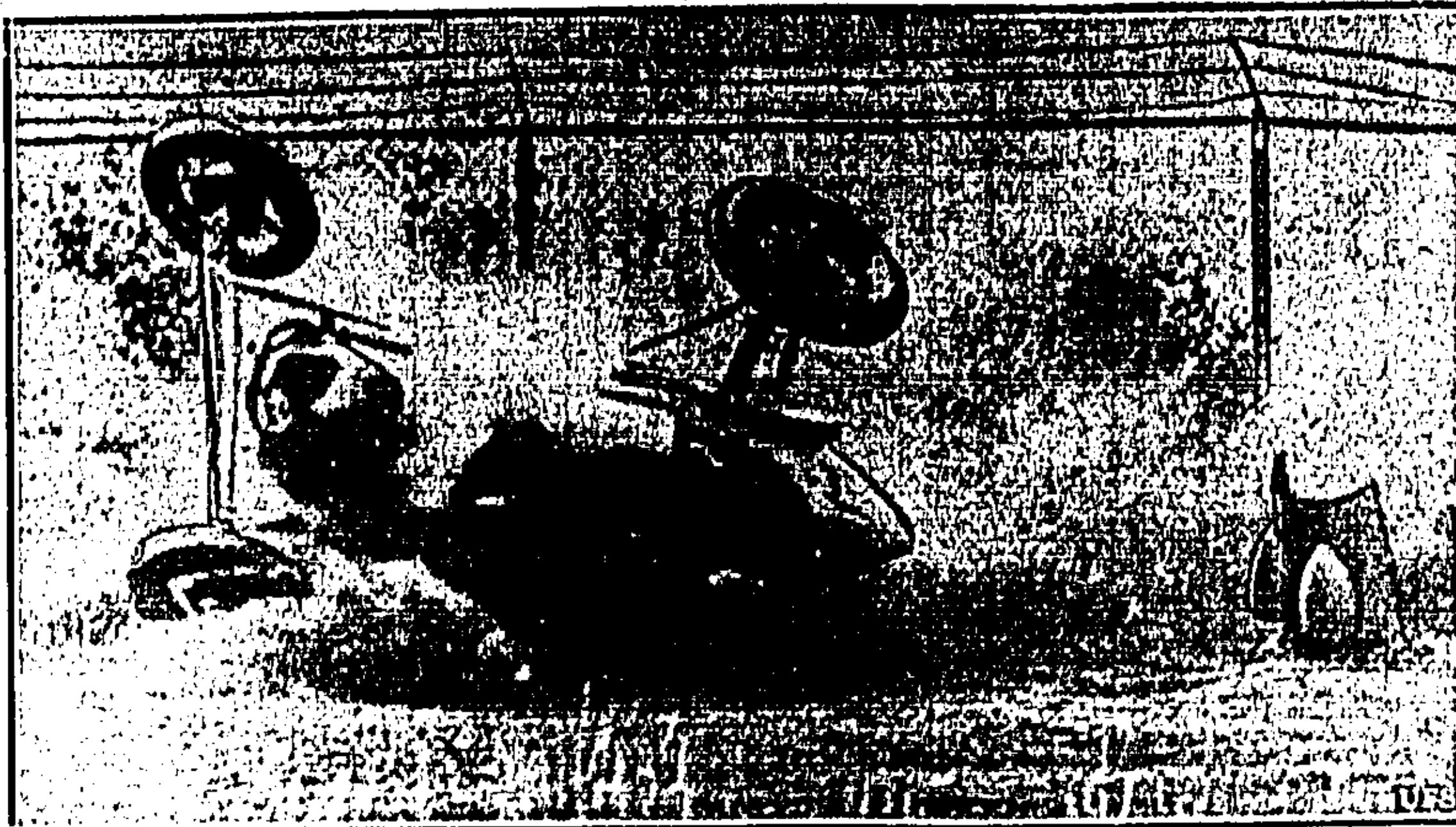
Experienced personnel returning from overseas and officers are being sent by the British War Office to act as instructors.

The training of the Brigade, starting soon, will be continued in an advanced form when the Brigade joins the Expeditionary Force. Three of the officers will be officers of the Royal Armoured Corps.

American Tankers Pooled

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The operation of all American tankers has been brought under government direction through the operation of the Tanker Control Board, it was announced to-day.

The Board will co-ordinate their allocation and utilisation. An official stated that there is no intention to commandeer tankers but the Board would pool the ships and direct operations with a view to ensuring greater efficiency.



HE GOT AWAY—It looked like sure death for Cy Roberts of Salamanca, N. Y., as his racing car overturned in a midday auto race speed event at Little Valley, N. Y. But Roberts stopped from his wrecked car and walked away, only to collapse later from fractured ribs and body bruises.

N. E. I. Native Conscripts In Arms In Sept.

BATAVIA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced to-day that necessary steps for putting into effect the law for native conscription recently passed by the N.E.I. Weapons Convention have been carried out so smoothly and rapidly that the native conscripts will be called to arms as early as September 25.

Home Guards will be organised in Sumatra, according to a scheme already operating in Java.

The N.E.I. Government have moreover adopted preliminary measures whereby all persons "of no nationality" between the ages of 16 and 60 residing in the N.E.I. or employed on N.E.I. ships or ships belonging to the N.E.I. will be liable to compulsory civil defence work.

Exports Last Year
LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The United States took first place in exports to the Netherlands East Indies in 1940, according to the Chairman of the Council of the British Chamber of Commerce for the N.E.I. to-day. Japan retained second place; Holland took third and Britain went from fifth to fourth place.

Germany fell from fourth to eighth place, shipping goods to the value of some 9,000,000 guilders.

British Forced Down Over Portugal

LISBON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Two British twin-engine planes came down in Portugal to-day. One made a forced landing on the coast close to Lisbon and the other at Foz de Oporto district.

Both planes were burned out but the crews were saved.

Dutch Conscription In Britain Valid

Dutch conscription of Dutch subjects in Britain was held to be valid by a King's Bench Divisional Court, which recently refused an application by Mr. Jean Jacques Amand (34), bull merchant, of Wraybury, Buckinghamshire, for a writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Amand is a Dutch subject who has lived in Britain for thirteen years.

His case was that, answering a broadcast request that Dutchmen should report to their Consul in London, he was ordered to join the Dutch forces in Britain. He reported to the Dutch military authorities and served for a time, but, deciding that he could not be compelled to serve, refused to return from leave and was arrested as an absentee.

Arguments in the application lasted three days and many points of English and Dutch law were debated. One was whether the Queen of the Netherlands, by decree in Britain, could conscript Dutchmen living here.

Mr. Amand had been on bail pending the decision.

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Caldecote) said the Netherlands Government and the authority of Queen Wilhelmina were recognised in Britain. He had no reason to doubt the reliability of Mr. Amand's statements when he said that at one time he had expressed willingness to join the Netherlands forces, and it seemed that he was not a member of the forces by voluntary enlistment. That, however, did not dispose of the case. It had been contended that the Queen of the Netherlands could not make a decree outside her own country. That would seem completely to render impotent the Netherlands Government recognised in Britain and would lead to the conclusion that the Dutch Government could take no steps to legislate to recover their violated territory.

The Lord Chief Justice added that he accepted the submission that there was nothing in the constitution to make the law not applicable to a Dutch subject outside his country, and he thought the decree conscripting Mr. Amand was valid and that he could properly be detained for service in the Dutch Army.

Bible In Style Of Newspaper

Pictures Of Aeroplanes

LONDON (UP).—The Bible is to be presented as news. All the art of modern newspaper presentation has gone into the "publication," "The Bible for To-day," published by the Oxford University Press, July 17.

Headlines and subtitles as might be seen in a newspaper are used, with illustrations of modern life and warfare to bring the familiar words to new life.

Pictures of tanks and planes, the scattered ruins of bombed and blasted cities, the never-ending crawling masses of homeless refugees, all these are used as a commentary on the sacred text for the modern world.

Straightforward Style

There are pictures of well-known London buildings, peaceful streets and friendly faces, of the microphone and moving camera, and of children playing with their fishing nets.

Captions ally the picture with the text.

John Stirling, a chaplain in the last war, started on his work of editing "The Bible for To-day" three years ago.

In a straightforward way, the Bible is presented as news-revelation, news of God's interest in and work, for the common people.

Week-end Lawn Bowls Teams

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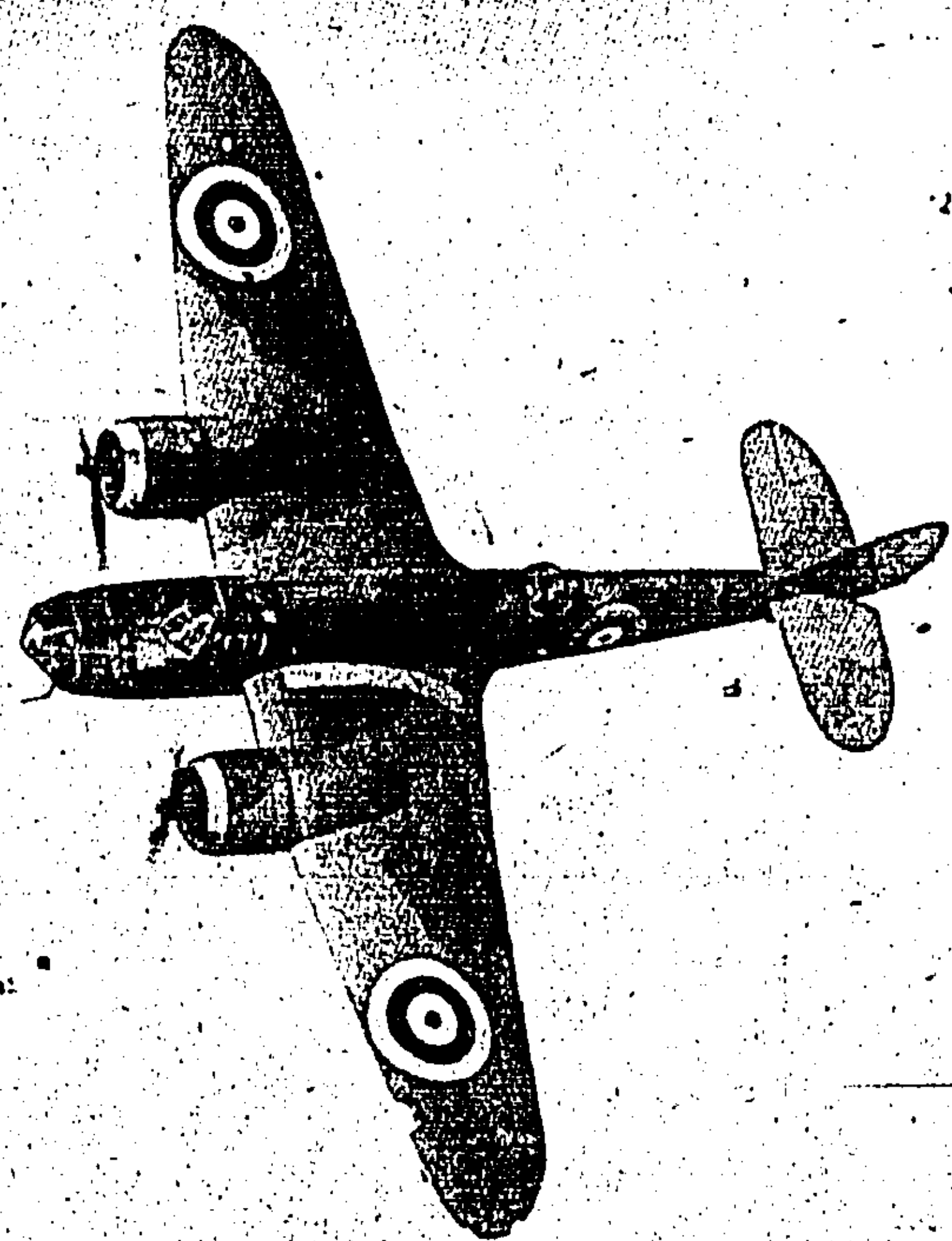
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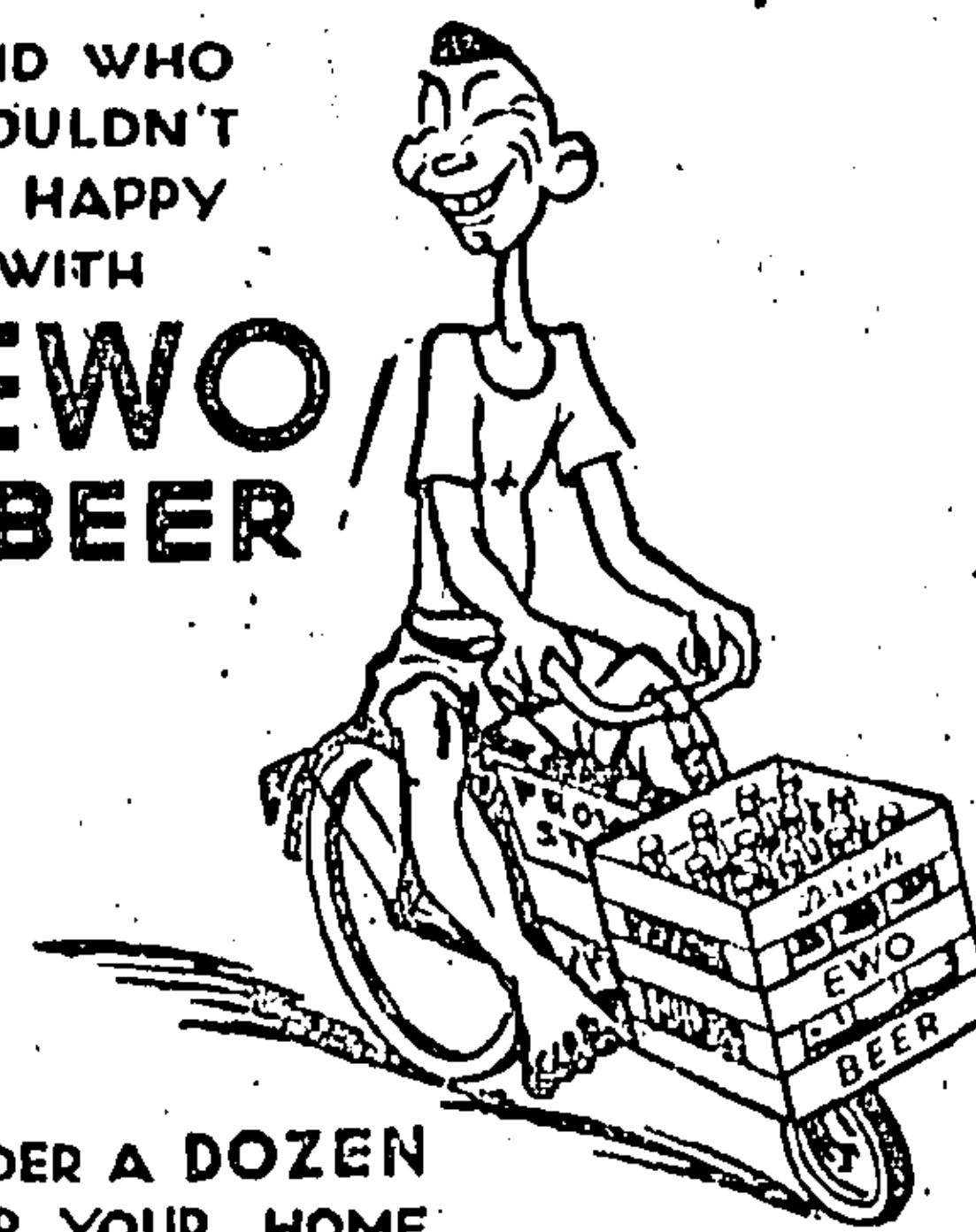
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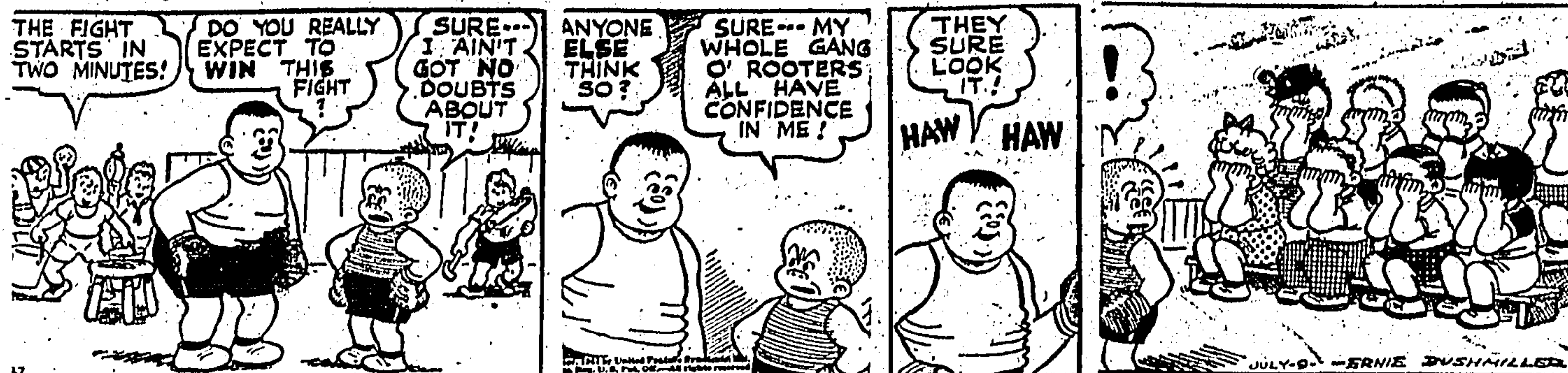
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By Ernie Bushmiller



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CHICAGO (UP).—When Wells Mori was born 28 years ago, the son of an immigrant Japanese father and a Norwegian-Welsh mother, nature spotted him an immediate handicap—partial blindness.

But he has fought his disadvantage for 28 years and recently was graduated fourth among 360 members of the 1941 class of Illinois Institute of Technology, earning only four "B" grades in an otherwise straight "A" record.

Mother Helped Him

The groundwork of a brilliant memory was laid by his mother who taught him to spell by rote learning. In fourth grade he could not see well enough to write legibly, but later he overcame this factor by learning to operate a typewriter.

Two years ago Wells married Lucille Nelles, his high school sweetheart, who had graduated from Southern Illinois State Teachers College. Wells also wants to teach and has done practice teaching in Chicago high schools as part of his course, receiving high praise as an instructor.

It is with the deepest regret the death is announced of Mr. Henry Ashford at the Country Hospital on August 16, after a very serious illness, lasting about three weeks, states the North China Daily News.

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1.30 Rouser and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A Sibelius Programme.

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2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Essie Ackland (Contralto) and The BBC Symphony Orchestra.

7.20 Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and The Philadelphia Orchestra.

8.0 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 The London Piano-Accordeon Band and Les Allen (Vocal).

9.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

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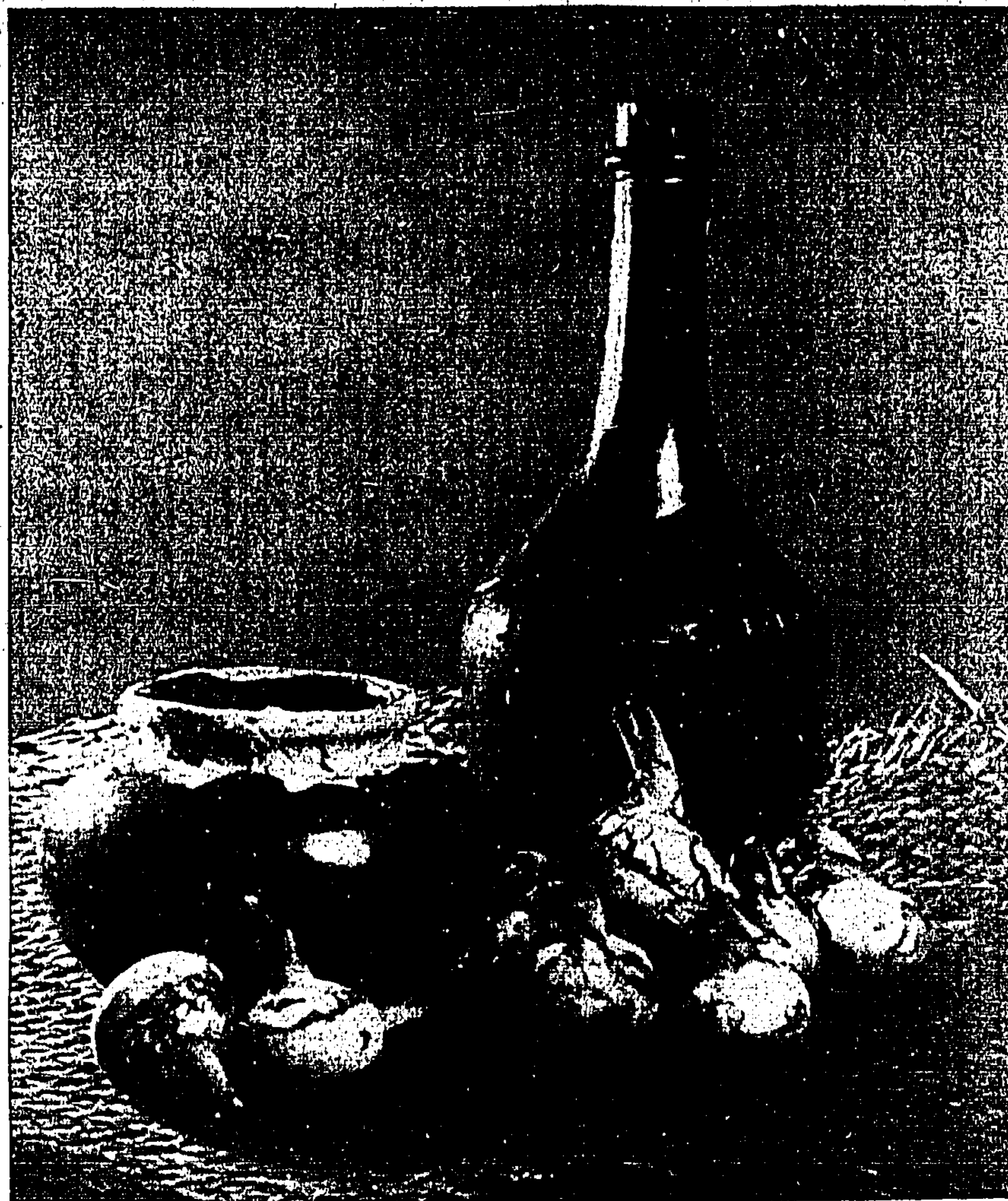
Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

10.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 London—"War Correspondents."

11.15 Close Down.



One of the photographs entered in Section 1 of the Eleventh Annual Photographic Competition conducted by The Hongkong Telegraph.

Chain of Aerodromes Ready in Burma

In the event of active war spreading to British territory in south-eastern Asia, a chain of aerodromes which thousands of men and women have been constructing in Burma during the past few months would allow fighter and bomber squadrons stationed in Malaya to be moved to Burma in a few hours.

With these new bases, the last of which has now been completed, squadrons could be moved to Burma overnight from Malaya or India and would find all preparations made for their arrival.

At these aerodromes the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham would have his forces where they could serve to the best advantage, states an official release.

The R.A.F. in Burma has now been strengthened by the arrival of American-built Brewster Buffalo multi-gun fighters, which makes the country equipped for both offensive and defensive air action.

All-Weather Runways

Men and women from the mountains of the Shan States have been constructing out of the jungle a chain of aerodromes midway between the coast and the frontiers of China and Thailand. It stretches from Lashio to Mergui.

All the aerodromes are equipped with all-weather runways suitable for the take-off of heavy bombers and fighters. Plant for the maintenance and repair of aircraft has been provided, while pilots and ground crews live in comfortable quarters. Fuel, bombs and ammunition have been stored to meet all possible needs.

These aerodromes have been so located that they will provide the maximum protection for Burma against air and land attack from any quarter and at the same time give the R.A.F. advance bases from which to hit back with bomber squadrons.

They also give greater mobility to the Air Force based in the Far East. Buffalo fighters have been arriving across the Pacific from the United States in increasing numbers during the past few months and thus enable fighter squadrons to be speedily formed.

Vital Areas

The most vital from a defence point of view are the southern and

northern Shan States, because any attack by land would probably come from either the south or the east.

For some time now, the defence authorities have been giving a great deal of thought to ensuring that Burma—which would be difficult for an invading force under any circumstances because of its mountainous nature—is made practically impassable.

The modernisation of the Army in Burma has greatly increased the mobility of forces.

New units of the Burma Rifles (who for several years were stationed in Taining, Foch), the Burma Frontier Force, a body of men trained primarily to defend the frontier against raiders and smugglers, and the Burma Auxiliary Forces were raised soon after the outbreak of war, and this expansion of the local forces is still going on.

The local forces have been considerably augmented by large numbers of Indian and British battalions, the former mechanised so as to allow them to operate in these parts of the country where this type of warfare is feasible.

The defence of certain aerodromes is one of their most important duties and they have been highly trained to cope with parachute and air-borne troops.

Sorry, Sir, My Teeth Froze Up!

Because of a severe frost, a soldier in a New Zealand country camp turned out late for morning parade and without his teeth.

He had placed his false teeth in a glass of water overnight, and in the morning they were frozen in a solid block of ice.

The bugle sounded while he was still vainly trying to prise his dentures from the icy bed.

The sergeant-major accepted his explanation.

"Scottie" Upsets Airport

A five-year-old Scotch terrier, ingeniously named Scottie by her mistress, Mrs. Julian Busby of Kannapolis, N. C., raised hob at LaGuardia Field recently when she escaped from the airport's baggage room. She was finally caught. But it took a police radio car, a tractor, a launch, a rowboat and a dozen pursuing attendants one hour to do it in a mad, radio-directed pursuit.

Mrs. Busby and Scottie appeared on the scene at about 10 a.m. to catch a 10:30 Eastern Airlines plane for Charlotte, N. C. Scottie was in a carrier. While Mrs. Busby went off for a cup of coffee, little Scottie lowered in a dumbwaiter to the baggage room. The dog whined so pitifully that a tender attendant let her out of the carrier.

As Scottie bolted across the field, the airport's two-way radio went into action. A radio patrolman took up the chase in his car, but the dog outraced and outmaneuvered him. Then along came Mrs. Busby in a plane-hauling tractor. The tractor followed Scottie to a 150-yard stretch of mudflats.

"Come back, Scottie," said Mrs. Busby. "Be a nice dog."

Instead, Scottie dove into Flushing Bay. Here a Pan American Airways launch, directed by the control-tower radio, joined the pursuit. But the launch had to give up early, for Scottie was in shallow water. Finally, however, two boys came along in a rowboat and picked up Scottie.

Mrs. Busby was so unnerved she had to give up her trip.

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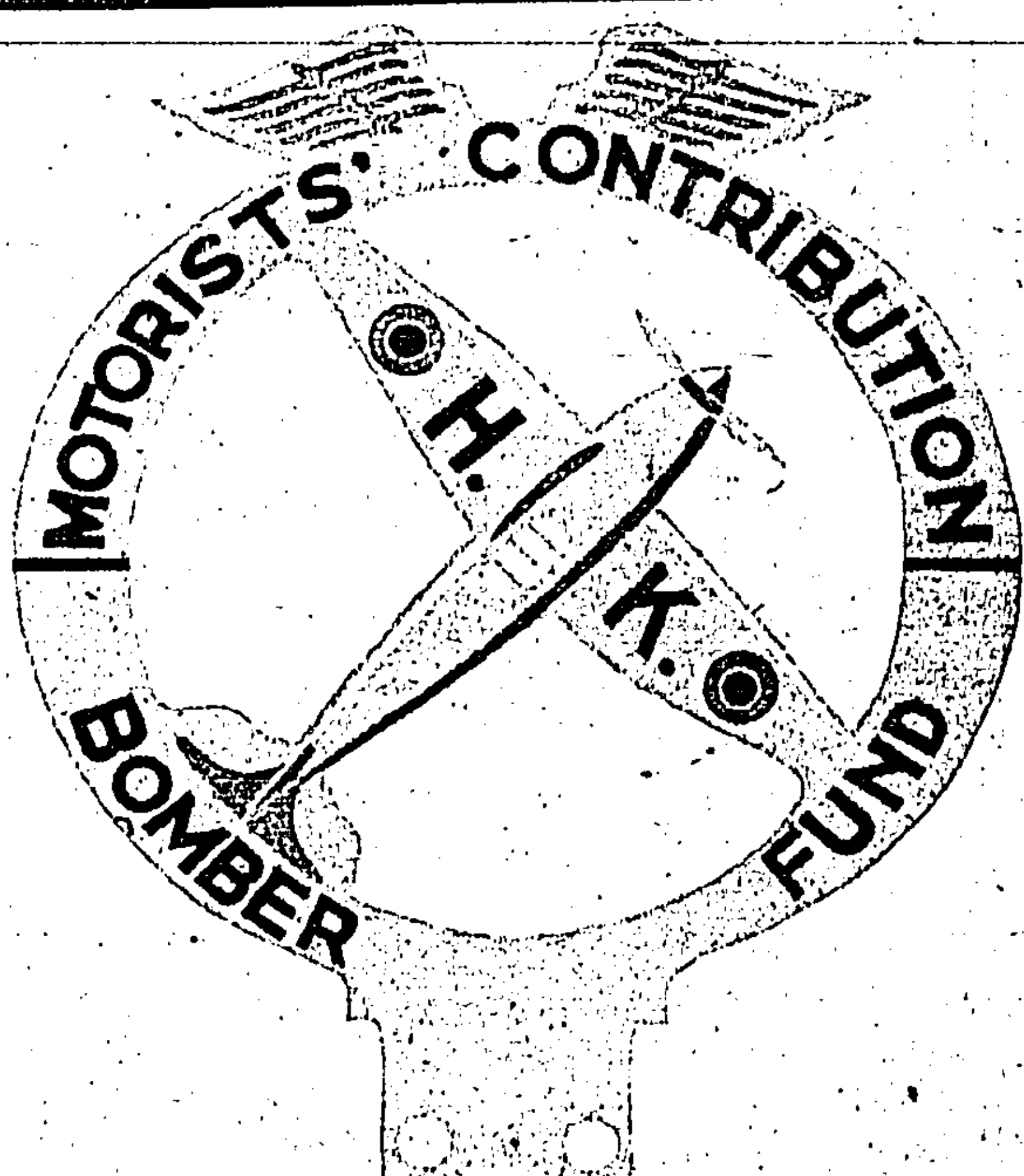
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Laval Shot, Wounded By Communist

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former member of the Cabinet, arrived from Vichy at 9.30 p.m. and went directly to the hospital.

Incident Described

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Pierre Laval and Marcel Deat were shot at and wounded, though not seriously, at Versailles this afternoon, says the Vichy news agency.

The assailant was a young man, Paul Colette, aged 20.

Count Fernand de Brinon, French Ambassador in the Occupied Zone, afterwards made the following statement to the press, according to the Paris Radio:

Inspection of Barracks

"At Versailles the first French volunteers of the anti-Bolshevik Legion were to enter their barracks. At the beginning of the ceremony, the French colours were hoisted and La Marseillaise was sung for the first time in occupied territory. Thereafter official visitors inspected the barracks.

"Thousands of the Versailles population in a procession, in which I was present, passed under the porch of the barracks. According to preliminary investigations, Laval and Deat must have been immediately behind me. I heard faint reports to which I paid no particular attention. A few moments later, I observed Laval, supported by some people. He said 'They have hit me.' He was immediately removed to the Versailles Hospital.

"Deat was also wounded.

Deliberate Attack

"The alleged attacker has been arrested. He is a young man who has admitted that he joined the Legion for the purpose of committing the attack.

"Laval was shot in the arm and in his side. The bullet has been extracted.

"Deat was also shot in the arm.

"The conditions of the victims are not considered to be serious."

Strong Russian Counter-Attacks

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ing German claims fortunately these have so often proved to be exaggerated and they are always treated with extreme reserve.

Leningrad Area

There is no further news of fighting in the Leningrad area nor, more significant still, is there any more information available on the subject of the Russian counter-offensive at Gomel. Considerable importance is attached to this Soviet attack as it is felt it may have a decisive influence in the Russian salient at Kiev. Here again one is very near to the point of junction between the left flank of Timoshenko and the right of Marshal Budennyi.

Having failed in their blitz tactics and the policy of attrition not yet having yielded appreciable results, the Germans are apparently trying to separate the three Russian commands so as to deal piecemeal with the one offering the best chance of success. If they are able to retain the initiative these tactics are certainly full of menace but it is possible that the Russian commanders have some cards up their sleeves.

Supplies Must Go To Russia

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Finally, adding "this as well as other problems will be settled."

Questioned whether Japanese security would be threatened by the shipments to Vladivostok, he replied, "I leave that to your judgment."

No Formal Protest

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Official circles here have disclaimed knowledge of any formal Japanese representations. Official quarters indicate that if there have been any discussions of this nature, they arose only from informal Japanese inquiries.

BOMBAY, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Some 1,200 Italian prisoners, including one general and over 500 officers, have arrived here.



FREE FRENCHMAN—Important Free French leader in Near East is General Georges Catroux, under sentence of death by Vichy government. Here he inspects guard at Government House, Damascus, after city was taken by French and British.

MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—A Middle East communique issued from G.H.Q. to-day states:

Libya.—In the frontier area, as the result of activity of our patrols, the enemy opened up artillery fire. In the Tobruk area, there is no change.

Italian East Africa.—In the Woreda area, a small detachment, co-operating with Ethiopian patrols, successfully attacked an enemy fort, capturing seven Italians and several machine-guns.

R.A.F. In Action

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—In Iran yesterday R.A.F. fighters continued to provide protection for our forward troops. One Hawker-type aircraft was shot down while taking off at Ahwaz and another was attacked on the ground.

Our bombers again dropped pamphlets on Isfahan, Shiraz, and Kasbin. Another force successfully bombed gun positions and troops concentrations holding Pytak Pass.

Further reports show that during the operations by our fighters on August 25, four Iranian aircraft, not three as stated in yesterday's communique, were destroyed.

In bombing attacks on Ahwaz aerodrome, direct hits were obtained on a hangar, setting it on fire and destroying at least one Iranian aircraft.

Germans & Italians Taken Prisoner

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which the Allies attack to Iran's position.

Hope is expressed in London to-day that the Shih might see his way to reach a peaceful solution.

It is learned that the British Minister at Teheran, saw the Shih again to-day.

Attorney Stumped By Judge

PASEDENA, Cal., (UP).—When attorney Clark Edwin Davis was arrested for speeding, he remembered above all he was an attorney.

Defending himself in police court, he asked the arresting officer, Paul Goble, if he could produce a certificate of accuracy for the speedometer of the officer's motorcycle. He could not.

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ENEMY CONVOYS SMASHED

Stirring Actions By British Bombers

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Pickings are becoming a bit rare these days for the boys of the Coastal Bomber Command and when the eager eyes of these boys, therefore, observe a German convoy they allow no obstacle of danger to stand in their way.

On Tuesday about noon, a group of Blenheim bombers flying in patrol without the benefit of escort, sighted a large enemy convoy off the German Frisian Islands. It was observed that the convoy was extremely well protected. The Germans were taking no chances with this precious freight.

There were six tank ships which were specially fitted as anti-aircraft destroyers, bristling with guns. They were guarding the merchantmen while above circled a patrol of Messerschmitt 110's at about 1,000 feet.

Against this formidable line, the Blenheims roared in low to attack. The first pilot singled out a freighter as a target and the crew believe that they got a hit, though they could not verify this. The pilot had to make a snap turn to avoid hitting the ship's mast.

Freighter Hit

Another Blenheim attacked a freighter, dropping bombs amidships causing a great flash, and flames and smoke leaped into the air.

Other crews busily occupied themselves with bombing and machine-gunning the ships and escorts.

Meanwhile, the enemy aircraft escort peeled off and came down to engage the Blenheims which were skillfully intent on creating havoc among the merchantmen. But the British were ready for this contingency, and one flight of Blenheims adopted evasive flying formation adopted.

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Special to the "Telegraph"
VICHY, Aug. 27 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval, former Premier of France, and a pro-German, was attacked to-day by a Communist during a ceremony for the mobilisation of anti-Communist volunteers at Borgnis des Bordes barracks, Versailles, shot in the arm and liver and seriously wounded. M. Marcel Deat, editor of the German-controlled Paris daily "L'Oeuvre" was also wounded.

Laval, with other prominent Frenchmen arrived at Versailles at 5 p.m. to attend the formal raising of the French colours over the barracks.

During the ceremony, two terrorists approached and shot at Laval from a few yards. One assailant, identified as Paul Colette, a communist, was taken to prison after being nearly lynched by bystanders.

The official party removed the wounded Laval to hospital. This marked the first terrorist attack since the Shaumburg manifesto was issued threatening to shoot hostages for attacks on Germans. Laval has received numerous threatening letters since the start of the Russian war.

W. African Bases For U.S. Fleet?

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—A report from America that General de Gaulle had offered to put the Free French ports in Africa at the disposal of the United States as naval bases, presumably to counteract the German influence at Dakar, was read with attention, states "Reuters" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The Free French Headquarters in London stated that they had no knowledge of such an offer though in any case the decision would be made by the General himself at Brazzaville.

From what is known of the General's views, however, it was thought that if America considered these ports would prove useful to the United States, the Free French would gladly place them at America's disposal.

Dominions Approve Atlantic Charter

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—All Dominion Governments were kept informed of the progress of the talks between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill which took place somewhere in the Atlantic, and led to the formulation of what is now known as the Atlantic Charter, states "Reuters" Lobby Correspondent.

Whole-hearted approval has been expressed by all Dominion Governments to the British Government at the terms and aims of the charter.

Successful Operation

M. Laval telephoned to his wife from the hospital at 8.45 p.m. and in a clear voice said that the bullet had been successfully removed from his arm and also his liver, adding, "I will recover." The bullet wound in M. Deat's arm is not serious.

The third victim was Major Durvy whose condition is not serious.

The shooting occurred during the flag-raising ceremony in the barracks courtyard when 1,200 volunteers were made ready to go to Poland.

Who's Who

M. Deat is regarded as one of the most outspoken pro-German, anti-Pétain figures in Paris. Major Durvy is a member of the National Popular Rally movement. Party in Paris—an anti-Pétain political organisation sponsored by Germans. Deat is also a member of this group.

The shooting threatened to inaugurate a wave of German reprisals inasmuch as the new Nazi orders provide for severe penalties for anti-Nazi, anti-Vichy troublemakers.

The French Government was informed by telephone at 8.30 p.m. of the attacks. The Minister of Justice, M. Barthélemy arrived in Vichy at the same time from Paris where he had instituted anti-terrorist, anti-Communist special courts.

Condition Not Grave

At 10 p.m. the Versailles hospital said that Laval's condition was not grave. The bullet entered the right side above the liver and tore through the abdomen without tearing the intestine and went out the left side without seriously injuring any of the organs.

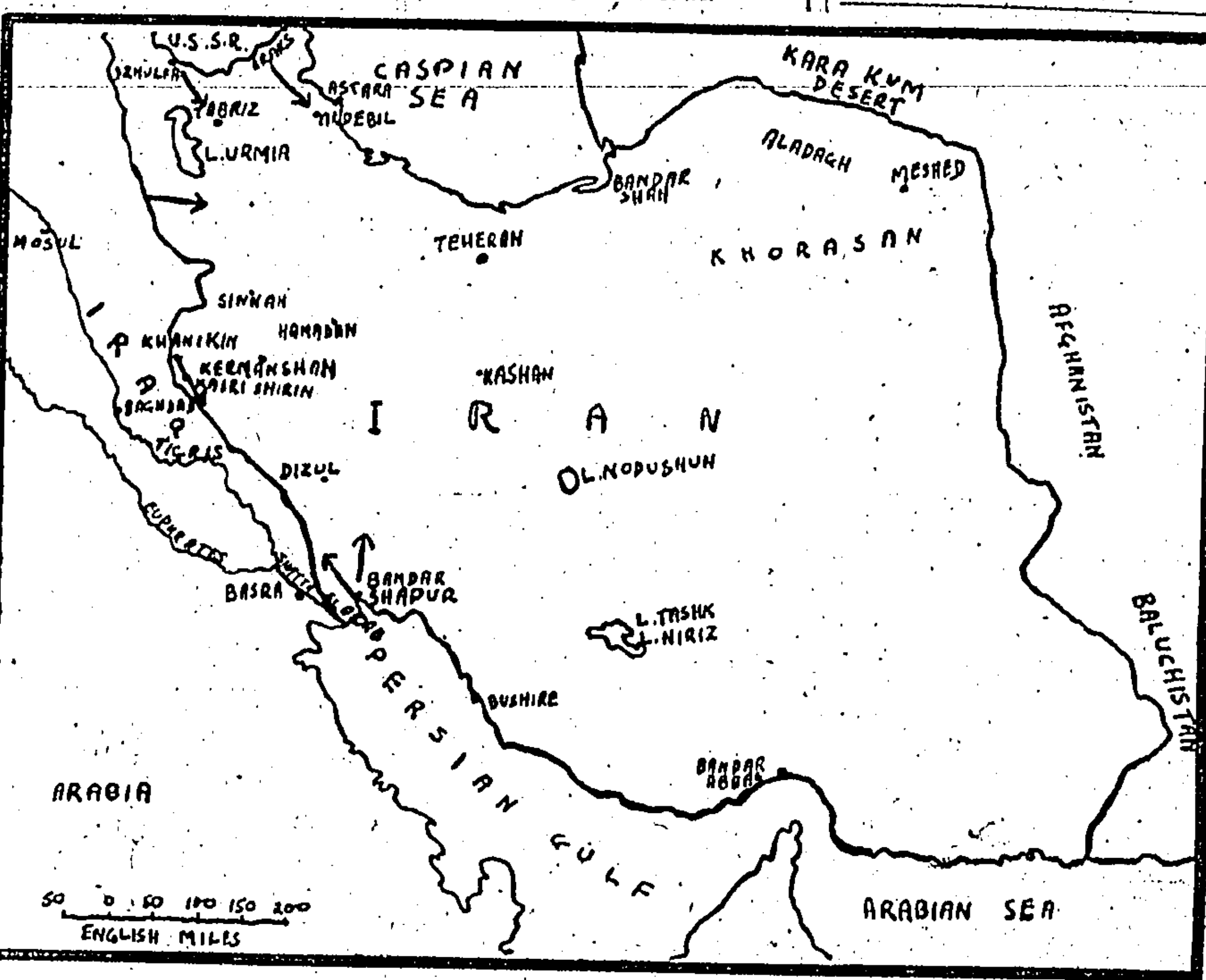
The assailant, Paul Colette, although he belonged to a Communist youth organization, enlisted in the anti-Communist Legion which explained his presence amongst the youths who were being mobilised.

Laval's operation last 40 minutes. M. René De Chambrun, another

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Soviets Penetrate Deep Into Iran: German Plot Exposed

Special to the "Telegraph"
MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (UP).—It was revealed by the Tass Agency to-day that, following the occupation by Soviet forces of the Iranian towns of Tabriz, Ardebil, Lissar and Dilman, the Russian advance continues and is developing in accordance with plans.

OUR AIR OFFENSIVE CONTINUES

More Attacks On Northern France

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
FOLKESTONE, Aug. 27 (UP).—The R.A.F. to-day began a procession across the Channel before breakfast with squadrons of bombers and fighters following each other with procession-like regularity. The planes appeared to be heading for northern France.

As squadron followed squadron, glinting in the brilliant sunshine, several groups of fighters returned. Many flew at very high altitudes for more than two hours.

Enemy Planes Destroyed

LONDON, Aug. 27 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that ten enemy fighters were destroyed during offensive operations over northern France early this morning. Eight British fighters are missing.

German Figures

BERLIN, Aug. 27 (UP).—According to the official news agency, ten British fighters were shot down this morning while attempting to fly in over the Belgian and French coasts.

Huntziger Appointed To Lead Troops

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (UP).—The B.B.C. to-day stated that British Radio at Vichy announced that General Huntziger has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of all Vichy troops in North Africa.

The former Commander, General Odiot, has been recalled, and named military Commander at Toulouse. There was no mention of General Weygand.

Big German Plot

Moscow newspapers to-day reported that a vast German organisation had already seized control of Iranian industry, commerce and transport and had been carrying on sabotage and espionage in preparation for a coup. This same organisation had also built up an anti-Russian and anti-Iranian ring consisting of Russian White Guards and Armenian Nationalists to whom they had promised the creation of a "Greater Armenia" at the expense of Russia and Turkey.

Advance Will Continue

LONDON, Aug. 27 (UP).—It is authoritatively indicated that the advance on Iran will continue until there is a concrete guarantee that the Germans are being expelled.

In connection with reports that the Shah had made a pledge for peace

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Gen. Norton's District Near Hostilities

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He expressed satisfaction with the arrangements for the protection of India from any aggression and endorsed General Sir Archibald Wavell's recent statement that India would be firmly defended.

Speaking of the territory under his command, which extends from Karachi to the border of the North-west Frontier Province and includes Baluchistan, General Norton said that the defences were strong and invulnerable.

Strong Russian Counter - Attacks Launched on the Dnieper Front

VICHY, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest message to the Vichy news agency to-night, Russian troops have launched counter-attacks "with all their available forces" on the lower Dnieper River battle-front. The Hungarians claim that so far all have been repulsed.

Rumanian Army Discord

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—General Clușca, former Inspector-General of the Rumanian Army, has been shot for opposing the sending of the Rumanian Army to fight beyond the Dniester, according to rumours in Bucharest quoted by the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent Press Agency.

He adds that 12 Rumanian Generals have resigned for the same reason.

On Road To Moscow

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—"Annalist" writes: With blare of trumpets and roll of drums the German to-day announce the capture of Velikiye Lugi, a junction on the direct railway from Riga to Moscow. They claim a big bag of prisoners and 400 guns.

The area marks the junction of the armies of Voroshiloff and Timoshenko and it would be the natural place

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GERMAN PRESSURE ON TURKEY

New Developments Anticipated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 27 (UP).—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from Beirut states that renewed German diplomatic pressure on Turkey, coupled with the spectacular military preparations in Bulgaria and the Aegean Islands, has resulted in the belief that Hitler is contemplating a move to counter the Anglo-Russian march on Iran.

The report said that Ambassador von Papen is returning to Ankara to confer with M. Sarajoglu and cited that the Turkish Ambassador to Berlin has been summoned to Hitler's eastern front headquarters after a lightning visit to Ankara.

Noting the reports of German concentrations, it said, "The important British military conference just concluded at Jerusalem surveyed all possibilities."

Von Papen in Ankara

ANKARA, Aug. 27 (UP).—The German Ambassador, Colonel Franz von Papen arrived in Ankara this morning and conferred with the Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu.

Istanbul Story

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (UP).—A Tass dispatch from Istanbul, citing authoritative Bulgarian sources, reports that the Germans are preparing an anti-Soviet move and are planning to release several Turkish ships from Bulgarian ports, torpedo them and blame Soviet submarines, worsening Soviet-Turkish relations.

H.K. People Were Aboard The Zamzam; Are Now Prisoners

News has just reached the Colony that among the passengers of the liner, Zamzam, which was shelled and sunk by a Nazi raider in the South Atlantic in April, were two former residents of Hongkong, Dr Robert Starling, formerly of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., and his wife.

Dr Starling, who was in charge of the Electric Company's Stores Department at North Point for many years, resigned in December 1938 and proceeded to Chicago to take a course in chiropractic. It is believed that he was on his way to South Africa to set up practice there when the Zamzam was attacked.

Dr Starling was wounded as he was leaving his cabin. Mrs Starling, who is also well known in Hongkong, raced down a ladder to hold a boat for her husband, when these men had hurried to the side of the ship.

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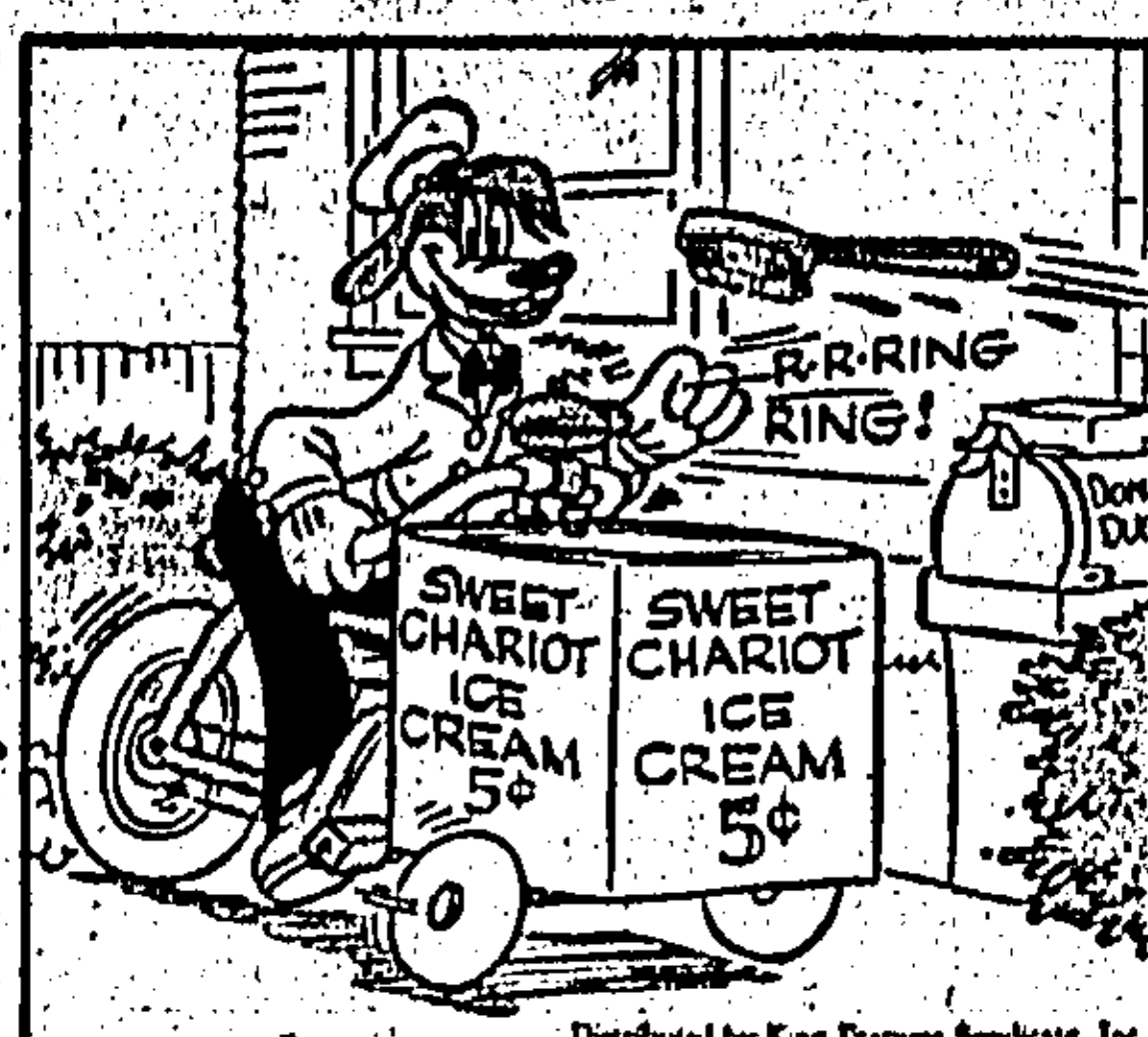
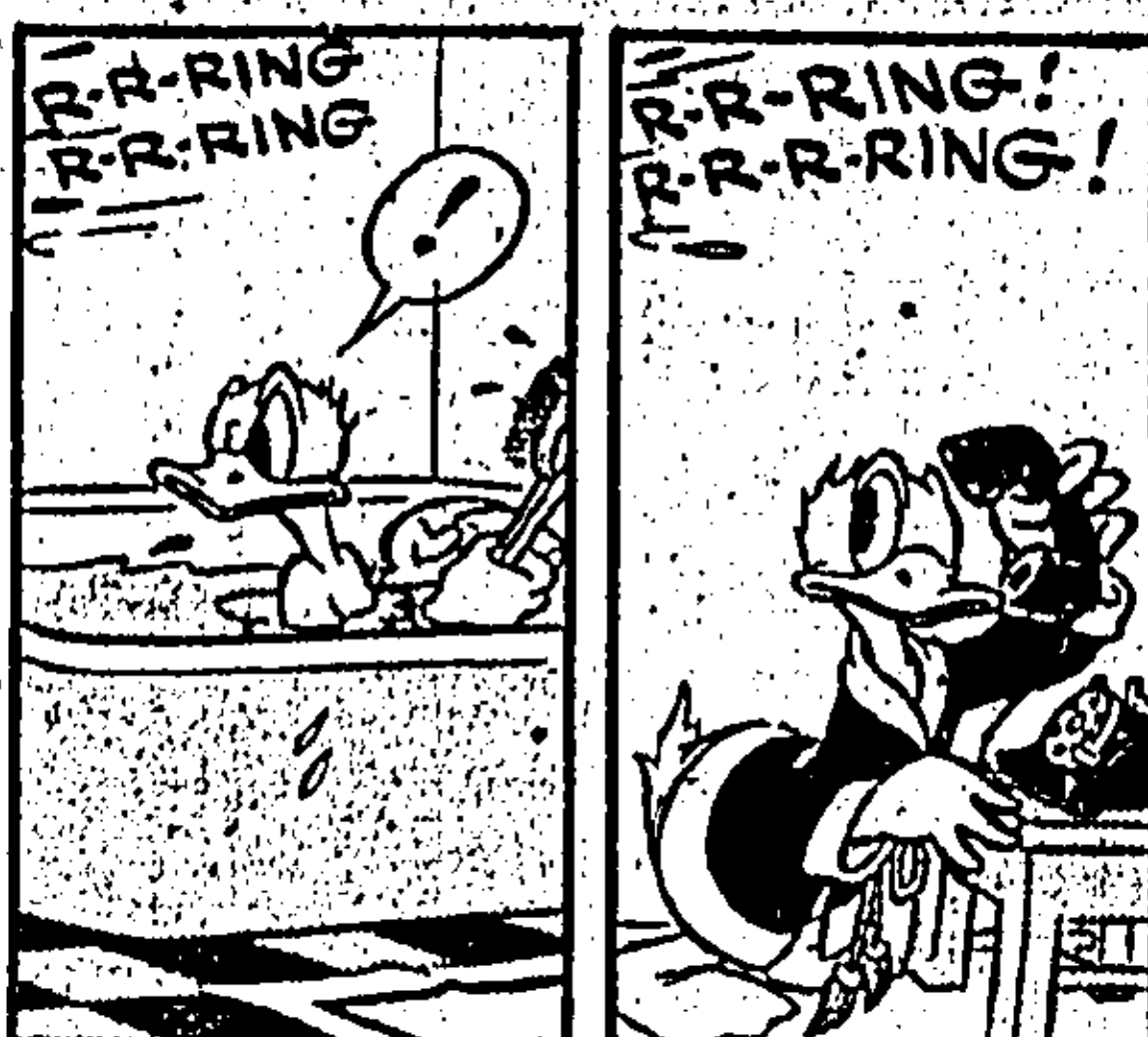
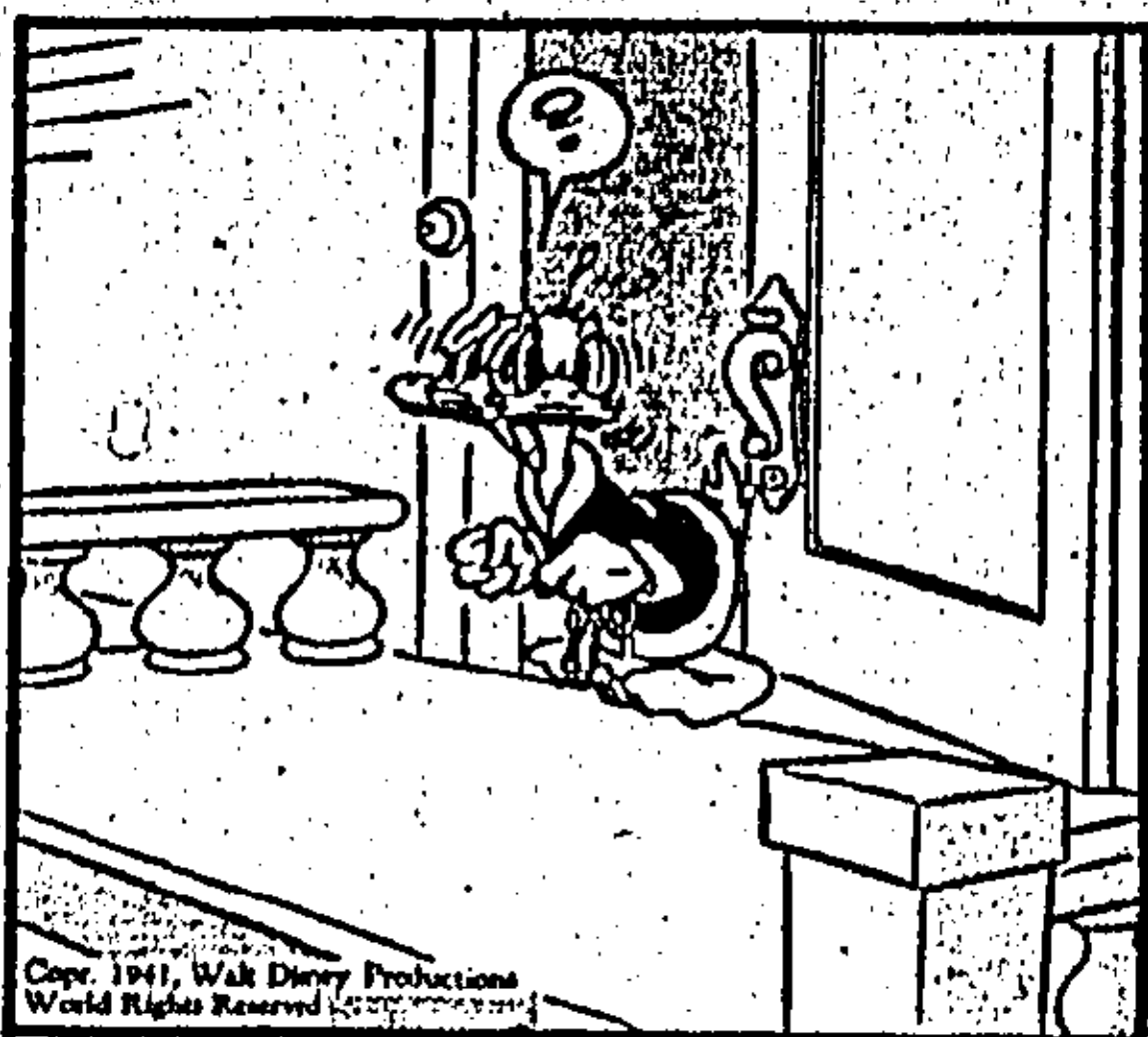
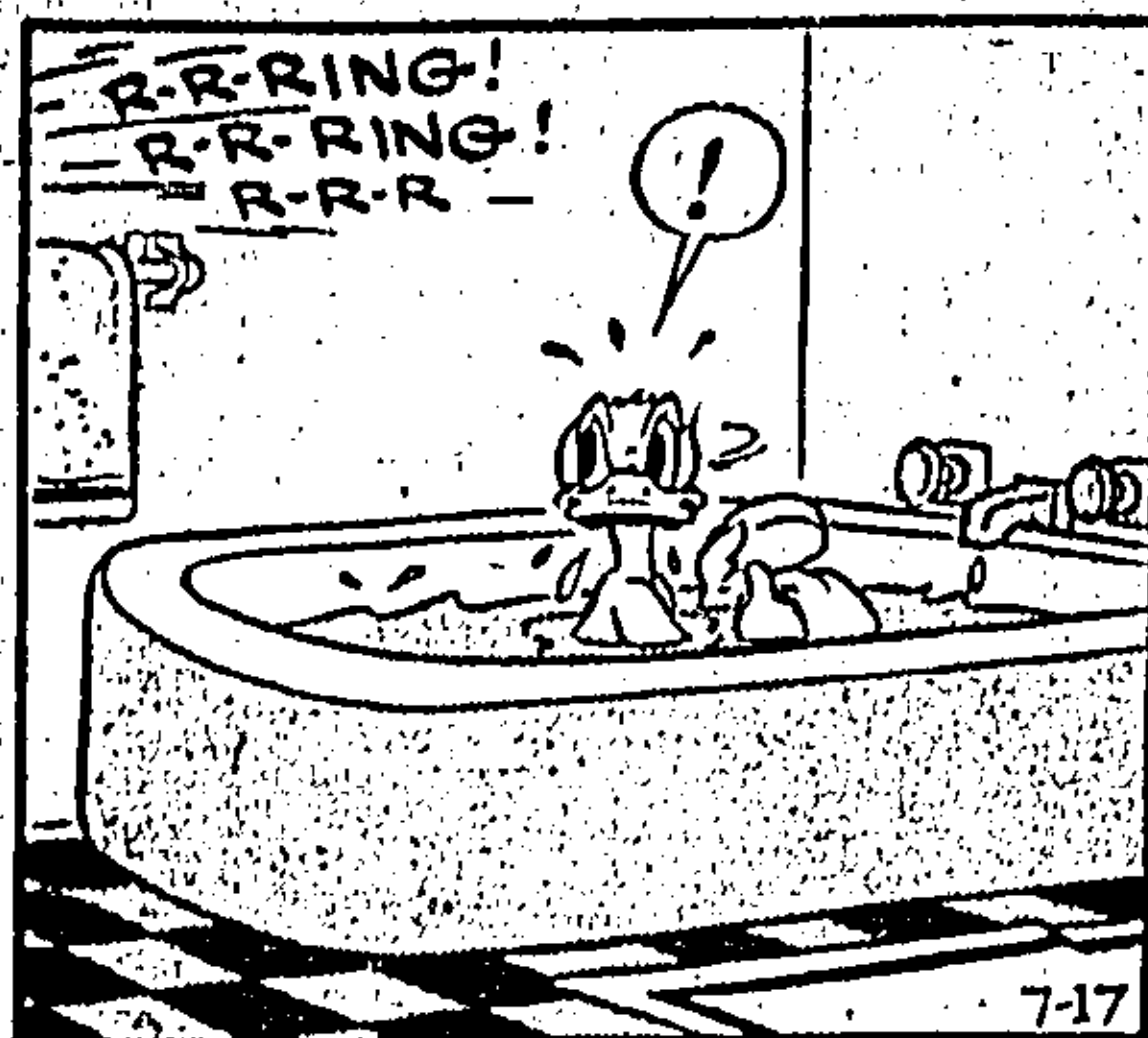
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Inconsistency

LEADING against a slam is a pretty ticklish proposition; hence, with rare and obvious exceptions, a player cannot be blamed if his selection goes wrong. Once the dummy has appeared, however, the defence against a slam is easier than that against mere game contracts, and there is no excuse for such a play as West made in the following deal:

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

♠ K 7
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ A J 10 9 5
 ♠ 10 6 3
 ♥ A 9 4
 ♦ K J 7 5 2
 ♣ 8 5
 ♠ Q 9 5 4 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ Q 8 4 3
 ♣ Q 6 2
 ♠ A J 8
 ♥ Q J 10 5 2
 ♦ 10
 ♣ K 7 4 3

The bidding:

South West North East
 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
 2♥ Pass 3NT Pass
 4♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
 6♥ (1) Pass Pass

As may be observed, South was anything but timid in his bidding. Having opened with a minimum heart bid, he later blithely accepted his partner's slam invitation.

West, after considerable thought, decided to open a low spade. Dummy ducked and East's queen lost to the king. West ducked, and a second round was led to the ten. West again held up, but took the third round, then, after much more squirming and brow-wrinkling (during which time East stared morosely at his club queen with the uneasy conviction that she would soon be torn from his grasp), con-

firmed East's gloomy forebodings by shifting to the singleton club. Declarer's vital club "guess" turned into a certainty, and after drawing West's last trump he spread his slam.

The inconsistency of West's play was in the fact that quite obviously, he changed his mind in midstream. Even though he had first round trump control he properly refused to open his singleton club, being afraid (as he explained later) that such a lead would give declarer a free finesse if East held a minor honor in the suit. But, if the singleton club would have been a bad opening lead, what words can be found for the same lead after the dummy appeared? By that time West could see that declarer's opening heart bid and later slam bid had been based on the A-J of spades, the Q-J-10 of hearts, and possibly the queen of diamonds. Surely, it was inconceivable that he could lack the club king.

Of course, declarer might have guessed the position of the club queen if left to his own devices, but poor East would gladly have taken his chances on that!

To-morrow's Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 7 5 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K 5 4 2
 ♣ A K 7 4
 ♠ 6
 ♥ A 10 7 5
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ J 9 8 3
 ♠ J 9
 ♠ A Q 10 8
 ♥ J
 ♦ Q 10 6
 ♣ 10 8 3 2

How should this hand be played at a four spade contract, with South the declarer? Opening lead heart ace.

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By James Hilton

author of "Goodbye, Mr Chips" and "Lost Horizon"

The Story So Far:

Seemingly normal, intelligent and attractive Philip Monrell has married Stella Bergen, a beautiful refugee who has been a companion to his mother. They are happy but the erratic, morbid side of Philip's nature develops more and more. He secretly kills Stella's pet kitten because his friend, Ward Andrews, has given it to her. He becomes obsessed by the notion that she and Ward are in love. As head of a steel works he antagonizes the men and almost causes a riot. Then, one day, nearly crazed, he tries to push Ward into a steel furnace. That night, Ward confronts him with it. They quarrel and Ward leaves to go to London. Philip has won but at the same time he feels that he has really lost Stella.



"Not that I'm expecting burglars," said Philip. "But you never know. Everybody has some enemies, haven't they?"

floor. Then he staggered backwards a few steps as if measuring how far a body would fall. After that he polished the knife with his handkerchief until blade and handle shone. Then he replaced it in the door crack and tied it to the bell rope in such a way that it seemed as if the knife handle were the bell handle.

Ward—please don't think badly of me. Whatever I've done, whatever I may do, you and Stella are the two people I've loved most in the world."

Deeply moved, Ward gripped his hand. Then he turned and left.

THAT NIGHT, when the moon was high, Philip watched her as she crept out of the house, wearing a coat and carrying a suitcase. So she was gone. He felt all twisted inside. She was running to Ward. What he had always feared, had happened.

The next day he telephoned Ward in London and, just as he had expected, Stella was there with him. No, Ward informed him, she was not returning. She had suffered too much. She was going to try to make something else of her life.

But Philip was his most persuasive self. "Oh, I know, she was perfectly right. I deserved it. She can have the divorce whenever she wants. I'd like to talk to you about that as soon as possible. No, please, not in London. I'd be too near Stella. You know how I feel."

And so it was arranged—against Stella's better judgment. Ward was to come out to Chassingford late the next day.

PHILIP WAS QUITE PLEASED with himself. It had been easier than he thought. Now he went ahead with his plans. They were diabolically simple, yet perfect to the last minute detail. He got them under way a few hours before Ward was expected.

First he sent Clark, the butler, off to mail some packages, taking care to give Annie and Cook the day off. But before Clark left he made an enigmatic statement about locking all the doors and windows. Clark was rather surprised.

Philip laughed. "Not that I'm expecting burglars. But you never know. Everybody has some enemies, haven't they?"

When the servants were all gone he went into the library and tried out his device. He placed a hunting knife between the door that led to the hall and the door post. Then he advanced to the tip of the blade to see that it touched his heart. Satisfied that the knife was in position he opened the door. The knife dropped to the

His next step was to spray the grass between the French windows of the drawing room and the terrace. The earth was soon soaking wet. It would take footprints easily.

HE WAS QUITE READY for Ward when the latter arrived and graciously went out to meet him, leading him over the moist garden into the library. Then he brought out some scotch and soda. "Oh," he said suddenly, "Would you mind ringing for some ice? The bell's right over your head."

Ward obliged but suddenly Philip laughed. "How stupid of me. There's no one at home. I sent Clark into Chassingford. Never mind. I suppose we can do without it."

Now Philip began to talk gaily, feverishly, about everything under the sun. His eye was on the clock however.

But finally Ward cut in brusquely. "I haven't much time, Philip. Hadn't we better get down to business? You said that you'd like to talk over arrangements for the divorce."

There was a sound from outside. Philip had been waiting for it. That was Clark returning. Now, all at once, he raised his voice angrily. "Ward, I should have thrown you out of the house long ago—when you were cheating me and lying behind my back. Yes, let's drop the pretence. I thought you were my friend and you stole my wife. I picked her out of the gutter, and she threw herself at the first man she met." He was pounding on the desk in rage.

"If you don't stop," Ward shouted back, "I'll break your neck. Leave Stella out of this. She's left you and that's that."

But, all at once, Philip was calm. "Ward I'm sorry," he said with the deepest sincerity. He was satisfied now. Clark must have heard the noise of the quarrel. "When I'm upset, I say horrible things. Yes, I'll give her the divorce. Please go now."

Bewildered, Ward stared at him. "You know Philip old boy, you really ought to take a hold of yourself. You ought to get away from this house for awhile." Philip smiled quietly and held out his hand. "I'm going to. And (to be concluded to-morrow.)"

Crossword Puzzle

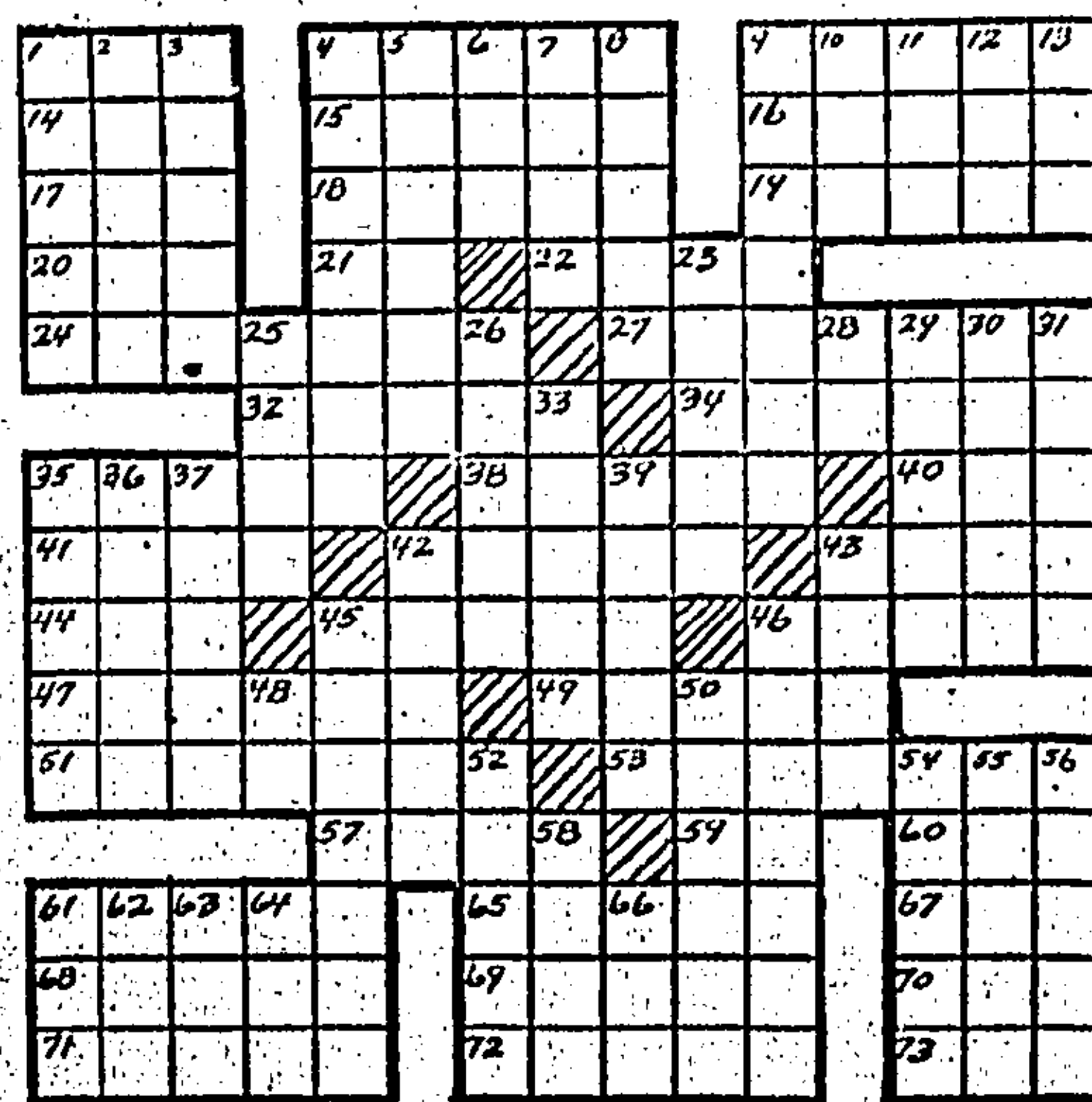
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5—Depart
6—Old woman
7—Companion
8—Consumer
9—Greek baroque
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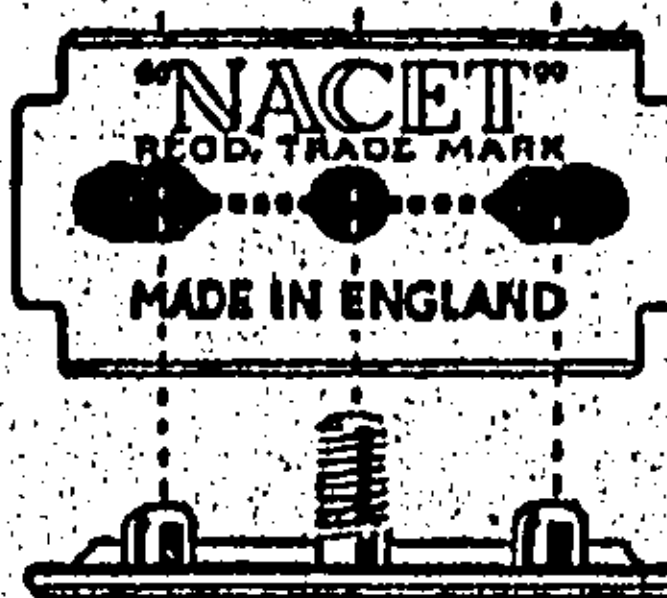


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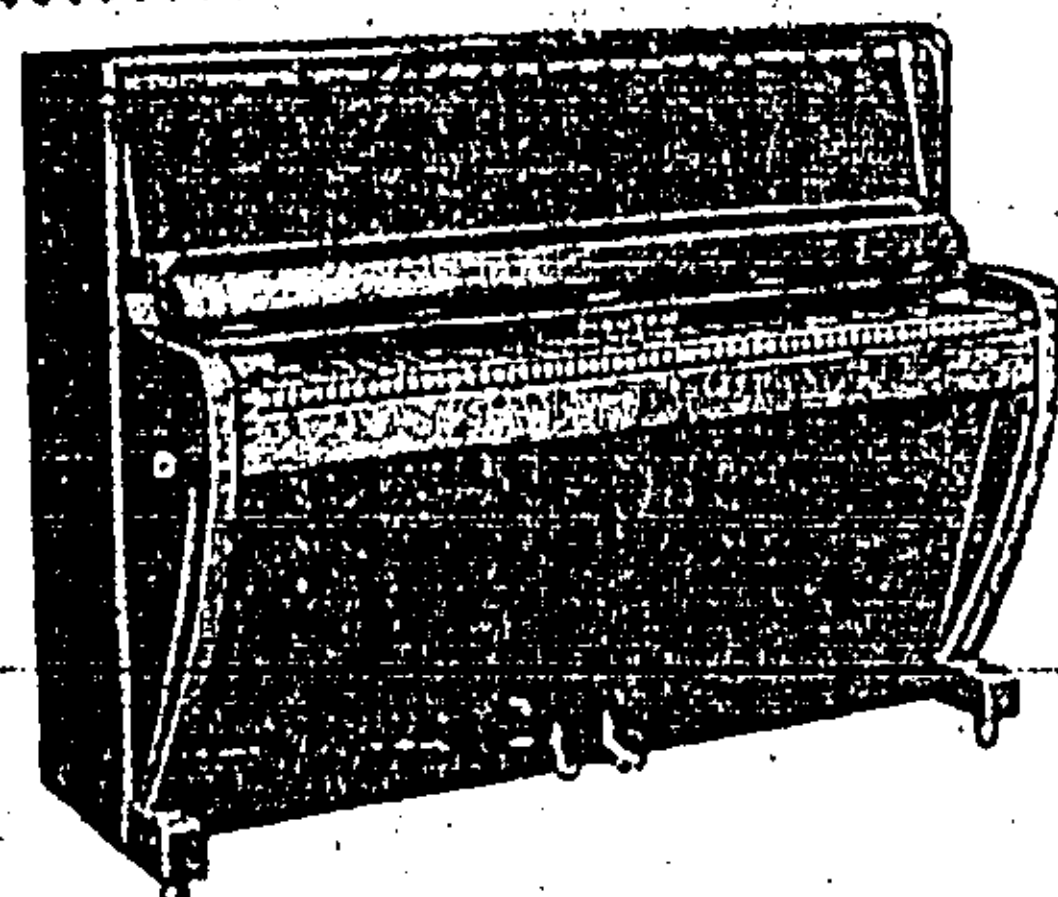
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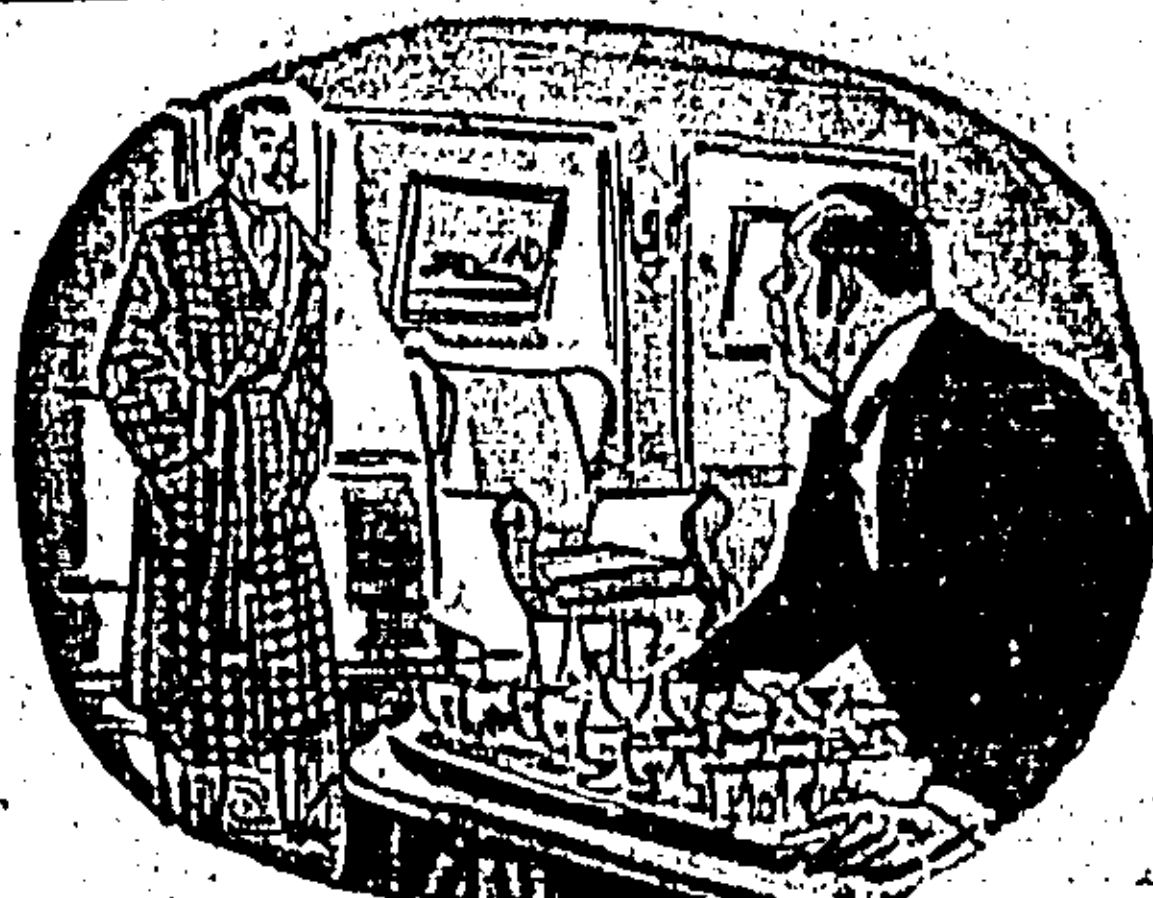
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"Then I must have dreamt it. A vivid dream, Hawkins, because their noses all turned red."

"Undoubtedly a dream, Sir, since I took the precaution of evacuating the bowl to my pantry when Lord Henry began to sing."

"Very wise of you, Hawkins."

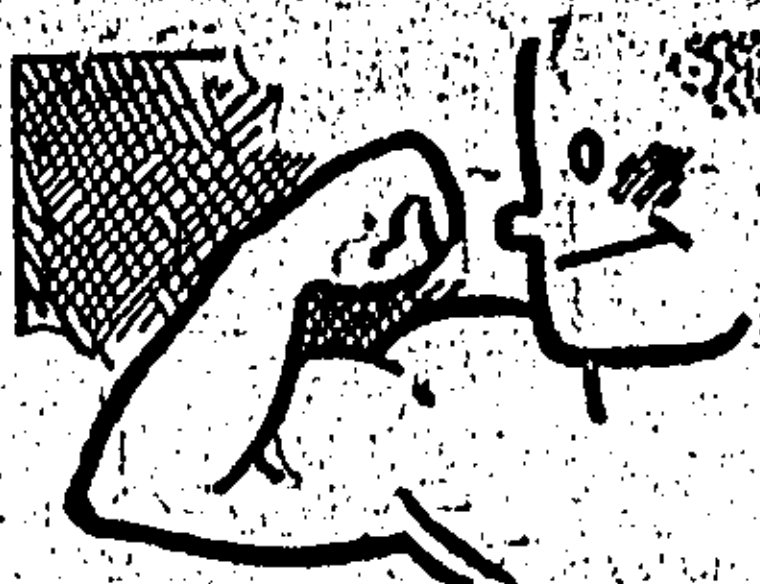
Were many glasses broken?"

"None, Sir."

"No casualties to any of the guests?"

"No, Sir. And judging from the amount of Rose's consumed, there will be no headaches this morning either. We got through six and a half bottles of Rose's Lime Juice."

"Well, it's all in a good cause. And now, get me a really big breakfast. And give the goldfish a double ration of ants' eggs, just to celebrate their hairbreadth escape."



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TIME TO ATTACK?

IT would appear to an amateur student of strategy that the development of the war has opened great possibilities to the Imperial command. At home we have now an army that must be the best in the world after a summer of strenuous training with the best weapons and with a backbone of veterans of several hard-fought though unsuccessful campaigns in France, Norway and elsewhere. Our production has had relief from continuous bombing and has made great progress. With such forces it is certain that we can hold freedom's most important citadel from any invading forces that Hitler can produce within the next twelve months. The question for our command to consider is whether the British-Garrison should be kept at home or used to invade the continent.

The number of planes we can afford to send over Germany these days and nights would indicate that we have sufficient to lead, protect and consolidate an invasion force across the Channel especially as the distance is short enough to maintain a constant aerial service. With the Channel blocked at both ends, parachute troops could be dropped fifty miles behind the French coast to tackle the enemy held ports while naval and air protected transports laid siege from the opposite face. Once paths to the principal ports were laid clear a dozen self-contained armies could cut right across to Switzerland. When the success of a north to south corridor had been determined, the risk of further depleting Britain's garrison could be taken and the thousands of trained men who had been prepared for invasion as well as defence could be released from that zone to free all France of the Nazi troops.

The further question then arises whether to sustain the offensive and press on through the lowlands into Germany or south into Italy or to consolidate our position. The present tendency is all against permanent defences but we should need terrific strength and we must have a powerful dose of the blitz ready in order to crush the enemy in this one great blow. Russia has struck a great blow at Germany's strength and we certainly shall not give her the opportunity of recuperating it and when she calls halt on the eastern front.

In considering this offensive we cannot afford to take too much notice of Japan. We have offered legitimate conciliation and we have laid our plans if this fails. We cannot expect to win all along the line immediately and we are no doubt prepared to suffer temporary reverses to achieve our main object. It will take every Allied subject a little to consider how near must be the day when the fortunes of war will turn.

Germany's Major Blunder

By Victor Gordon Lennox

Diplomatic Correspondent, London "Daily Telegraph"

For twenty-two months the pendulum of war fortunes has swung steadily in favour of aggressor Germany. To-day we see Germany labouring in the tolls of her first major miscalculation or blunder. The German armies were to have been in Moscow within eight days—some say ten.

By now Russian organised resistance was to have crumbled, revolution broken out, a Quisling Government installed in the Kremlin and the scene was to have been set for presentation to Britain—and the world—of the Nazi New Order peace programme. But Hitler is still far from the objectives which his armies were to have taken, while the United States, recovered from the first shock of finding Russia and Britain fighting on the same side, is accelerating its progression from non-belligerency to para-belligerency. That is precisely what Hitler schemed to anticipate. If he realises that he is in danger of failing we may expect to see the most reckless employment of his available forces in a frenzied endeavour to catch up with the original programme.



Because Russia is opposing a stubborn resistance to the enemy and hitherto has prevented him from gaining his objectives we must not lightly assume that the outcome is a foregone conclusion. No such easy optimism is to be found in Moscow.

In London we are aware that the Soviet leaders are fully conscious of the great weight of pressure which the German forces can bring to bear on the whole length of this tremendous front. At the present time the most dangerous thrust is that directed against Leningrad. In these circumstances it is understandable that the Russian military mission in London is asking for all measures of aid and distraction which Britain can provide. Moscow probably recognises that these must primarily be confined to air operations with possible naval diversions and consolidation of the British positions in theatres not yet wholly satisfactory. Such would be the situation in Libya—incidentally the one area where additional tanks might be employed with advantage by British forces.



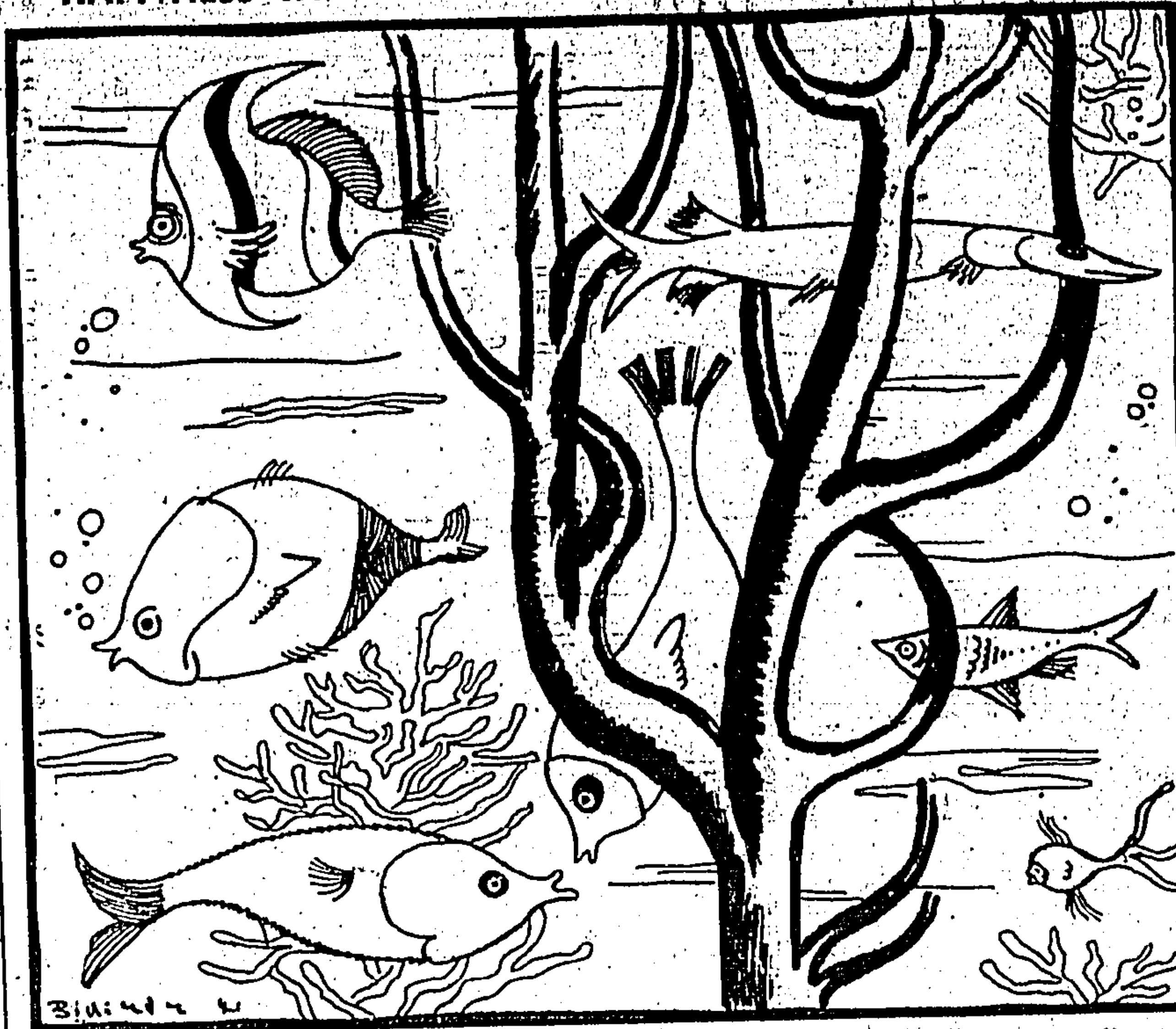
Meantime Britain will be doing everything possible to collaborate with the United States in securing the outer defences of the American Continent. In Washington it seems to be well-believed that bases for the use of American ships and aircraft are now available in Northern Ireland. They will be of great value to United States ships carrying supplies to Iceland and to American war vessels patrolling the sea lanes along which supplies for Britain can be carried.

At present one does not know what further outposts President Roosevelt and his Ministers wish to establish in the Central and Southern Atlantic areas. Unfortunately, although Portugal is Britain's oldest ally, Dr. Salazar, her all-powerful Premier, has no liking for the idea of leasing or lending bases to the United States or permitting the Portuguese Atlantic islands to pass under American protection. Indeed, the Portuguese Government, still fearful lest the German military machine may one day be launched against the Iberian Peninsula, seems determined to establish itself and its armed forces in those islands areas.

In these directions we may look for a careful diplomatic approach from Washington and London—one which will pay due regard to the repercussions on opinion in certain of the Latin American states.

HAPPINESS IN THE BALTIC

By Billiken



"We are lucky! I've heard that the Nazis are preparing more convoys."

Japan's Dilemma

By LORD STRABOLGI

The Japanese Government is in the difficult position of being a member of the Axis group and under obligation to Germany and Italy to help them in the event of another Great Power entering the war. Russia is now in the war, and this condition might therefore be supposed to have been fulfilled by the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia. On the other hand Japan has a recent treaty of neutrality and non-aggression with Russia. If the Government in Tokyo desired to escape from this dilemma and to remain neutral, it could, no doubt, be argued that Germany had made the first hostile move against Russia and that Japan has not been consulted beforehand.

The Japanese Government still clings to the tradition of observing international law and not engaging in unprovoked aggression on the German model. We see evidence of this in the fiction that the Sino-Japanese conflict is not a war, but an "incident." Nevertheless, if the Japanese Government decided that it was in the ultimate interest of the nation to intervene, reasons and excuses would be forthcoming.

Tokyo Should Realise

The statesmen in Tokyo have, nevertheless, to remember that no great economic advantages would follow from a joint Axis victory over Russia. The northern half of the island of Sakhalin and the Maritime Province of Siberia, which would be Japan's share of the spoils, are not particularly valuable. True, there are fishing and mining rights of some value to be acquired, but the Maritime Province has a severe climate and Japanese settlers do not thrive in cold weather countries. This has been shown already in Manchukuo, where the Japanese manage to live as officials and traders but have made no headway as farmers. The attractive prizes in the Pacific lie to the south, and here the Dutch East Indies are the great reward.

Here is the oil, rubber and other tropical products which Japan needs, and a ready-made market for her manufactured goods. Japanese activity in French Indo-China and Siam (Thailand), the important but abortive economic negotiations undertaken with the Government of the Dutch East Indies, should be successful and, in any case, prolonged. For the evidence of a Japanese move to the south of public opinion in Russia is it necessary that all available aid should be given, and a Tokyo must decide whether it will attack Russia in the north or open up a campaign to the south. The latter would entail a great expedition for the invasion and siege of Singapore and the territory surrounding it. It is quite certain that Japan would have to beat the British Empire in this vast area before serious headway could be made against the Dutch East Indies.

It is absolutely certain beyond any doubt that any Japanese movement of hostility against the Dutch East Indies would automatically involve her in war with the whole British Empire.

The governments of Britain, Australia and New Zealand could never allow the Japanese to establish themselves in the Dutch East Indies, if for no other reason than that a successful Japanese lodgment in this chain of rich islands would be regarded as a preliminary to attacks in the future on both Australia and Burma and possibly India.

Lack of Resources

Another certain factor in the situation is that Japan's resources would not permit her to engage in a first-class campaign against Russia in the East simultaneously with a great drive to the south against the Malay archipelago and the Dutch Islands. It is known that the Japanese Mercantile Marine is barely sufficient for Japan's present commitments. In 1939 the Japanese Merchant Navy numbered 2,387 vessels, of 5,629,845 tons. New ships have been built since the outbreak of the present war, and a number have been lost by German submarine attack and other warlike actions. On balance, it is doubtful if the Japanese Mercantile Marine totals more than 6,000,000 tons. A great part of it is engaged in supplying the immense armies on the mainland of China. The remainder is fully employed in carrying Japanese exports which must be sold abroad if the economy of the nation is not to be crippled and in importing the petroleum, iron ore, rubber, cotton, wool, and other products in which Japan herself is deficient and which are necessary for her present war effort against China and for her own industries.

An additional war would place the utmost strain on Japan's Mercantile Marine, and two additional wars would create an impossible situation.

Attack on Russia

Now if the Government of Tokyo decides to attack Russia, it must reckon on the British Empire immediately declaring war on Japan. This decision would be taken both on political and strategic grounds. It is in the highest interests of the British Empire that Russian resistance to the German armies should be successful and, in any case, prolonged. For the evidence of a Japanese move to the south of public opinion in Russia is it necessary that all available aid should be given, and a Tokyo must decide whether it will attack Russia in the north or open up a campaign to the south. The latter would entail a great expedition for the invasion and siege of Singapore and the territory surrounding it. It is quite certain that Japan would have to beat the British Empire in this vast area before serious headway could be made against the Dutch East Indies.

Which ever war Japan decided upon, she would immediately lose her seaborne trade outside the northern Pacific. Japanese commerce with the rest of the world must pass to the westward either through the Straits of Malacca, which are dominated by the fortress of Singapore, or through the Torres Straits to the north of Australia. How successful the Japanese war operations against Singapore they would be long drawn.

out and, in the meantime, all vessels flying the Japanese flag would be liable to capture. Japanese trade to the eastward either through the Panama Canal or round Cape Horn, would be at the mercy of the British Navy.

I am leaving out of account any possible action by the United States of America. The American Government has declared that it will not tolerate any alterations in the status quo with regard to the Dutch East Indies. Even if the Japanese left the Dutch East Indies alone for the time being the Government in Tokyo could reckon as a certainty on the cutting off of all supplies from the U.S.A.

As the Dutch oil supplies would also be cut off Japan would have to live on her reserves of petroleum.

Southern Venture

In the event of the decision being taken to concentrate on war to the south, that is against the British Empire, the Japanese Government would have to anticipate the Russians intervening on the side of Britain, thus presenting Japan with a war on three fronts. It is known that the Russian military and aerial forces in Siberia are independently organised and commanded and self-contained, and that there is a large force of long-range bombers stationed in the Maritime Province. From there, these bombers could attack the crowded and vulnerable Japanese cities. Russia also has numerous flotilla of submarines at Vladivostok which could do considerable damage in the Sea of Japan and which might interfere with supply ships and troopships serving the needs of the Japanese armies in China. Japan has a great asset in her Navy, the third largest in the world. It consists of ten super-dreadnought battleships, two of which are just completed and are as powerful as any in the world. These are supported by two brand-new smaller battleships of the pocket battleship type, six aircraft-carriers, of which two are quite new, eight heavy cruisers, thirty light cruisers, about a hundred good destroyers and fifty to sixty submarines. Nevertheless, the situation of the German and Italian Navies is such that considerable British reinforcements could be sent to the Far East and there would always be the nightmare of the intervention of the United States of America with an even more powerful fleet in the highest state of efficiency and preparedness.

Major Struggle

Lastly, to add to the difficulties of Japan's decision is uncertainty about the outcome of the major struggle in Eastern Europe between the German and Russian armies. However this develops, the Russians have succeeded in resisting the greatest blitzkrieg the German High Command has yet undertaken and there is evidence that Germany's difficulties are increasing.

The political side of the blitzkrieg has failed, firstly because the anticipated uprising amongst the neutrals and the belligerents against Communism has not materialised, and secondly because the Russian masses show no signs of disunity or revolt. The statesmen in Tokyo must consider the danger of the ruinous step of coming in on the losing side. The peace party in Tokyo will, in any case, be strengthened by the signing of the Anglo-Russian Military Pact. The German propaganda had been active in Tokyo, as elsewhere, in suggesting that the British would seek a favourable opportunity for negotiating a separate peace with the Government of Berlin and allowing Germany and Russia to fight it out alone. It is now clear to all observers that there was never any such intention in London, and that the British and Russian peoples will continue in military partnership to the end.

Enemy Strongholds In Mid. East Battered

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Libya.—Several targets in Cirenaica and Tripolitania were attacked on the night of August 25-26. Tripoli harbour and dumps near the town were again heavily bombed. A particularly violent explosion was seen to hurl masses of debris high into the air and was followed by a bright fire and a number of other fires were started near the fort and power station.

At Benghazi several bombs were dropped on railway sidings and an enemy encampment. The same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the harbour of Bardia and obtained direct hits on ships and started fires among petrol dumps.

Bombers of the South African Air Force bombed and heavily damaged concentration of enemy mechanical transport vehicles near Mesurana yesterday.

Mediterranean.—Medium bombers of the R.A.F. attacked enemy ships in the Central Mediterranean yesterday. Direct hits of heavy bombs were obtained on one vessel and another ship was hit and left sinking.

Malta Defended
A number of Messerschmitt 200s which approached Malta yesterday evening were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and chased back to Sicily, where three of them were shot down, one falling in a village.

Several other enemy fighters were badly damaged.

Cyprus.—R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down one Savoia-McCulloch off Famagusta yesterday.

Abyssinia.—Enemy positions at Wolchait and Gondar yesterday were machine-gunned yesterday by aircraft of the R.A.F. and S.A.A.F.

From all these operations three of our aircraft are missing.

STALIN STALLS U. S. REQUEST TO OBSERVE WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Asked whether any naval aid was being prepared for Russia, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, replied at a press conference that he had nothing in mind. He replied negatively to questions whether he planned to send a naval officer to the forthcoming Moscow talks or an additional Naval Attaché to the Moscow Embassy.

As regards the war in Russia, Colonel Knox said the Government had made repeated futile requests to the fighting zone. "I wish you fellows would try to work on Joe Stalin to get some observers to the front."

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Government of India have announced that owing to a severe shortage of supplies, no iron and steel will be available for the erection of residential or office buildings and places of amusement.

POPULATION OF INDIA Substantially Below 400,000,000

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The preliminary census returns for India's population taken early this year disclose an increase of 46,000,000 over the figure for 1931 and possibly an actual increase of approximately 60,000,000.

Although generally it is unofficially assumed that India's population numbers 400,000,000, the census reveals 389,000,000. The 1931 census gave 353,000,000 but this included Burma with about 14,500,000.

New Zealand Mechanisation

WELLINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Defence Minister, Mr. Jones, announced to-day the proposed formation of a New Zealand Army tank brigade for overseas and the establishment of an armoured vehicles fighting school.

Experienced personnel returning from overseas and officers are being sent by the British War Office to act as instructors.

The training of the Brigade, starting soon, will be continued in an advanced form when the Brigade joins the Expeditionary Force. Three of the officers will be officers of the Royal Armoured Corps.

American Tankers Pooled

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The operation of all American tankers has been brought under government direction through the operation of the Tanker Control Board, it was announced to-day.

The Board will co-ordinate their allocation and utilization. An official stated that there is no intention to commandeer tankers but the Board would pool the ships and direct operations with a view to ensuring greater efficiency.

Leningrad Proudly Conscious Of What The World Expects

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Aug. 27.—People who have arrived here from Leningrad have described the city's tense and heroic atmosphere. Every house is like a fortress. Throughout the day and night, fire-watchers are on every roof. Factories are working at a greater tempo than ever before.

Women have in many cases replaced men gone to the front and the city is working with the slogan, "All for the front, All for Victory." The appearance of the streets has changed. Shop-windows are sand-bagged and boarded up.

N. E. I. Native Conscripts In Arms In Sept.

BATAVIA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced to-day that necessary steps are being taken to effect the law for native conscription recently passed by the N.E.I. Weapons Convention have been carried out so smoothly and rapidly that the native conscripts will be called to arms as early as September 25.

Home Guards will be organised in Sumatra, according to a scheme already operating in Java.

The N.E.I. Government have more-over adopted preliminary measures whereby all persons "of no nationality" between the ages of 16 and 60 residing in the N.E.I. or employed on N.E.I. ships or ships belonging to the N.E.I. will be liable to compulsory civil defence work.

Exports Last Year

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The United States took first place in exports to the Netherlands East Indies in 1940, according to the Chairman of the Council of the British Chamber of Commerce for the N.E.I. to-day.

Japan retained second place; Holland took third and Britain went from fifth to fourth place.

Germany fell from fourth to eighth place, shipping goods to the value of some 9,000,000 guilders.

Nazi Plane Crashes In Eire Damaged By RAF

LONDON, Aug. 27 (British Wireless).—A JU-88, which crashed in Eire yesterday, is an example of what must frequently happen to raiders over this country which are only claimed as "damaged."

Two fighter pilots intercepted a JU-88 in St. George's Channel late yesterday afternoon and attacked it once. On their return to their station, they reported it as only damaged.

Later news came that the plane had crashed in Eire. A comparison of the times and other details leave little doubt that it was the same aircraft.

SUPPLIES MUST GO TO RUSSIA U.S. Attitude To Japanese Protest

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at a press conference made it plain that the United States adhered to the freedom of the seas policy in connection with the shipment of war supplies to Russia through the Pacific.

Asked whether the United States would insist on the freedom of the seas in carrying out the shipments despite Japanese objections, Mr. Cordell Hull replied that until that policy is revoked, it could be assumed that it was in effect.

As regards the possibility of Japan making representations to the United States concerning shipments to Vladivostok, Mr. Hull said that he would leave any statement on this point at present to the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

Nomura Sees Hull
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (UP).—The Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, for 40 minutes to-day after which he declined to reveal the subjects discussed, although he admitted that Japanese resentment might exist on account of Russia's ability to obtain materials here which Japan has been unable to acquire.

Meanwhile reliable sources indicated that the United States is momentarily expected to join Russia in firmly rejecting the Japanese protest against the shipment of American war materials to Russia via Vladivostok.

When Admiral Nomura arrived at the State Department to confer with Mr. Hull he said that he had brought no formal diplomatic representations from Tokyo. Questioned regarding the Russian trade matter, Admiral Nomura was non-committal but asserted that he still hoped for peace finally, adding "this as well as other problems will be settled."

Questioned whether Japanese security would be threatened by the shipments to Vladivostok, he replied, "I leave that to your judgment."

No Formal Protest
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Official circles here have disclaimed knowledge of any formal Japanese representations. Official quarters indicate that if there have been any discussions of this nature, they arose only from informal Japanese inquiries.

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Representations are said to have been made several days ago.

TURKO-GERMAN TRADE BESTED

LONDON, Aug. 27 (British Wireless).—The latest authoritative information about Anglo-Turkish trade indicates that Britain has definitely replaced Germany as Turkey's most important trade partner.

The Germans have, of course, been making great efforts to further their trade with Turkey and by economic penetration to influence that country as they did the Balkans but in this case they have failed.

Raffle Prizes Unclaimed Will Be Auctioned

At a meeting of The Hongkong War Effort Committee held last night, a report was received from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, supervisors of the Monster Raffle held early in April, 1941, giving a list of the unclaimed prizes. These amount to approximately \$9,000 in value, covering 50 items.

The majority of the prizes, which include silverware, wines and spirits, open orders on local firms to the value of \$100 each, watches, jewellery etc., are now in the possession of the committee, and it was decided at last night's meeting that as suitable opportunities occur, the prizes will be offered for sale by auction at various public functions, the proceeds to go to the Bomber Fund.

Six firms have sent cheques to the committee in lieu of the prizes donated, and the sum of \$554 received from these sources is being paid to the Bomber Fund.

DUKE OF KENT AT HAMILTON

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Duke of Kent, on arrival at Hamilton, was greeted by civic, Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Air Force officials.

He was escorted along streets lined by Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and his procession was headed by a detachment of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel.

The Duke visited a factory of the Canadian Westinghouse Company and inspected its munitions section after which he lunched at No. 22 Navigation Square, Hamilton.

Personal Honour

The eyes of the whole Soviet Union are fixed on Leningrad and the town's defence becomes somehow for every man a question of personal honour.

Leningrad's biggest problem is to maintain communications and supplies with Moscow and Volodva from the east. Indications are that the Germans are for the present moving up along the difficult and comparatively inaccessible country between Novgorod and Leningrad and not venturing too close to the Moscow-Leningrad Railway with the Moscow base still comparatively close to their present whereabouts.

They may not attempt to cut the railway until they are very much nearer to Leningrad.

Rainy Weather

For moving heavy equipment, conditions are becoming extremely unfavourable for the Germans, especially if the rainy weather continues and increases the precariousness of the long lines of communication.

There is a growing feeling in Moscow that Marshal Voroshilov's proud prophecy that Leningrad will never fall into Fascist hands is not a vain boast but may be the prelude to one of this war's most glorious epics.

Both on account of the number of men and equipment in Leningrad, it will be difficult for the Germans to bring up adequate forces over long distances to smash Leningrad's defence.

Russian Hopes

LENNINGRAD, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The impression is given that the big German drive which started over a fortnight ago is exhausting itself and that it will take time before another assault, especially in the north and central sectors.

The Germans have certainly not succeeded in crossing the lower Dnieper and they are stuck there. What is equally important is that the arm of the anti-Ukraine pincer movement from Gomel, with which the Germans hoped to have penetrated Briansk, Kharkov and Don Basin has been effectively snapped off by the Russians by what appears to be the war's most effective counter-offensive in the Gomel area.

The capture of Dnepropetrovsk is not confirmed by the Russians. Failure of the drive against Kiev is manifest—the Germans got an enormous licking again there a few days ago—and the defence of Odessa, the Black Sea's "super Tobruk," continues effectively and promises to be a constant thorn in the side of the occupiers of the Western Ukraine.

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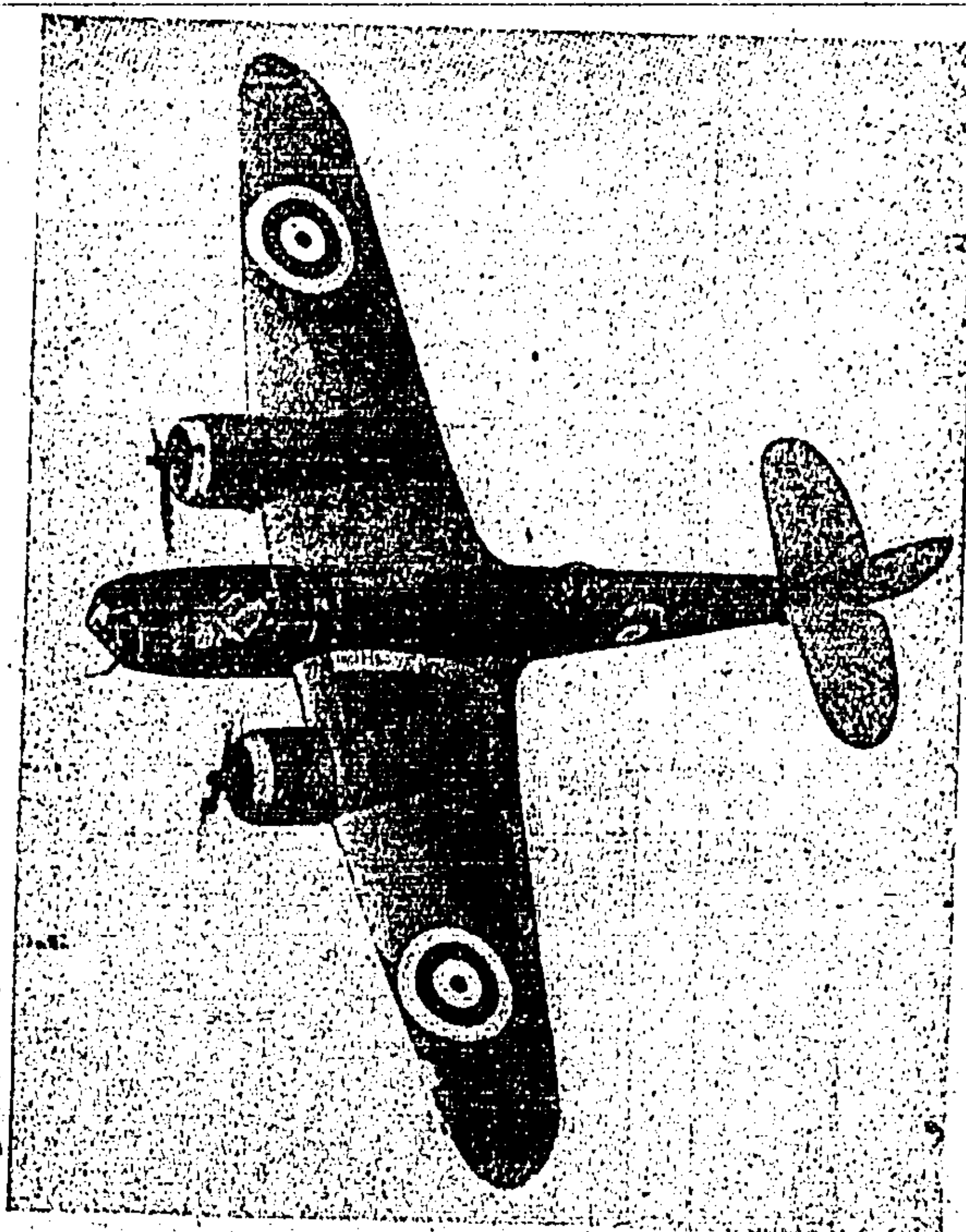
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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Craigengower Nearly Beaten On Home Ground



Nip Lum, sliding home, just manages to make the plate. Tony Mascavage has the ball.—Ming Yuen.

U. M. Omar Scores 13 On Two Heads To Avert Indians' Threat

THE GOOD FIGHT put up by the Indians in the First Division against Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley; the even game between Kowloon Tong and Kowloon F.C., the two leading teams in the Second Division; and the victory of Police R.C. over Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Third Division were the highlights of last week's League programme.

Avoiding Relegation

The Kowloon Football Club actually won on two rinks but tied on aggregate and had to be satisfied with taking three points to Kowloon Tong's two. And the Police, who are challenging K.B.G.C. for supremacy in the Third Division, managed to win on aggregate as the result of J. C. Aitken's 16-shot victory over Hughie Nish.

Swimming

THREAT TO COLONY SPRINT TITLE

Tsui Hang Equals Record

TSUI HANG, who attained prominence at the Combined Gala a few weeks back by beating David Hutchinson in the 100 yards, established himself as a threat to the Colony sprint title last night at a friendly gala between Eastern and China Wing, covering the 50 yards in 24.8 secs and equalling the Colony record.

This was the only outstanding time of the evening, and on the whole, Eastern beat China Wing by 15 points to 12.

Results were: Members 100 yards free-style—Tom Sik-man, Wong Ka-po, Mak Wal-hung. Time 10.2 secs. 50 yards free-style—Tsui Hang (Eastern), Law Yau-wing (China Wing), Chan King-kong. Time 24.8 secs. Women's 100 yards—Shiu-lin Shum, Wal-yung (Eastern), Chan Mei-cheung (China Wing). Time 1.10 mins. 120 yards medley relay—Eastern, China Wing. Time 1 min. 54 secs. Women's 50 yards free-style—Ng Po-hing (Eastern), Shum Put (Eastern), Chan Chiu-ha (China Wing). Time 35.8 secs. 220 yards breast-stroke—Fung Wai-chung (China Wing), Wong Lok-lin (Eastern), Wong Ka-min (Eastern). Time 2 mins 5.8 secs. 100 yards back-stroke—Yeung Yiu-kwan (China Wing), Wong Shau-shan (Eastern), Kwok Chun-hang (Eastern). Time 1 min. 17 secs. 120 yards free-style—Tai Yuk-mong (Eastern), Yu Sik-kwan (China Wing), Fung Wai-chung (China Wing). Time 2 mins 52 secs. Members 50 yards back-stroke—Mak Wal-hung. Time 40 secs.

Of the bottom teams in the First Division, neither Civil Servants C.C. nor Kowloon B.G.C. "B" managed to take a single point. The Civil Servants, on their own green, were overwhelmed by Recreio "A" and Kowloon B.G.C. "B" were washed out by Kowloon C.C. at Cox's Road.

These two teams are in the danger zone, with Recreio "B" not far off. It is very likely that one of these three sides will be relegated to the Second Division next season.

For the first time in many weeks, M. N. Rakusen's rink failed to give the Civil Servants a point. They had won their previous seven matches, but came a cropper against Johnny Ribeiro's strong rink on Saturday, going down by 10 shots.

The singles found his opponents far too confident and had an uphill fight all the way.

C. Roza-Pereira, who skipped a rink for the first time the week before against the Indians, had charge of the same rink against the Civil Servants and proved his worth by beating J. F. McGowan's four by seven shots.

Jackie Noronha, who has been playing very well of late, piloted Recreio's third rink, which beat W. R. Hillier's rink by nine shots. The latter, who returned from leave recently, showed good form, but found himself against very stiff opposition.

PUT for U. M. Omar's 14-shot victory over A. R. Dallah, Craigengower C.C., who up to last Saturday had not dropped a single point on their own green, might well have been beaten when they entertained the Indians.

As it was, they only got through by three shots on aggregate and had to share the points on the rink results.

The home players must have had a shock when, at tea time, they found themselves nine shots in arrears.

A. K. Minu, who started off by losing a four and three to B. W. Bradbury in the first two heads, led 17-10 at the interval; M. R. Abbas, who began badly by conceding three two's to C. S. Rosset, was ahead by five shots; and A. R. Dallah was three down to Omar.

Shortly after the resumption, the Indians went further ahead. Dallah had crept up to within one shot of Omar, but then he lost a six and a seven in two heads—which rather knocked the wind out of the Indians.

But the game was not over, despite the fact that Omar finished up 14 shots to the good. The Indians still had a chance of pulling off the game and winning by four points to one. But Bradbury's rink did well on the last three or four heads to wipe off Minu's lead and were actually leading by one shot when the last end was played.

This was an exciting head as it was the last of the day—Abbas meanwhile had finished 11 shots up against Rosset—and the Indians

then required four to tie and five to win.

When the skips went down to roll the Indians were lying four—thanks to a brilliant drive by A. H. Ram-jah, who took out A. E. Coates' first shot, which was only an inch in front of the jack, without moving the killy.

Bradbury, however, in his first attempt, bumped up one of his front woods for second. Minu then drew second shot, only to see Bradbury push it through.

There was a chance of the Indians, then lying one, scoring a five if Minu could trail the jack two feet.

On the other hand, he could have tried to draw second shot—which would have given his rink victory by one shot—but he quite rightly went for the bigger count. He failed and had to be content with a tie on his rink.

This was the stiffest opposition the potential champions have had at Happy Valley this season, all their other matches there having ended in clean sweeps.

The two heads in which Omar scored 13 shots made all the difference between victory and defeat for the two teams.

KOWLOON C.C., on their own green, went a long way towards getting out of the danger of relegation by defeating Kowloon B.G.C. "B" on all rinks.

Except for the game between Teddy Fincher and Len Sykes, the K.C.C. rinks won fairly comfortably. Tommy Madar beating H. L. Lockhart by 22-11 and N. J. Bebbington beating J. C. Gill (skipping for the first time) by nine.

Fincher and Sykes had a good match, both skips being given good support by their No. 3's, W. Mulcahy and P. A. Peckham respectively. Fincher got his nose in front by two shots.

In the Second Division, J. L. Stephens' rink of N. A. E. Mac-kay, T. K. Lim and J. N. Wong nearly gave Kowloon Tong victory over Kowloon F.C. despite the fact that the other two Kowloon Tong rinks were down.

Stephens and his men struck their best form to beat E. Kern's rink by 12 shots, but A. J. Kew lost to W. V. Field by six shots and Spary was beaten by P. Youngusband by the same margin.

The Footballers thus took three points against Kowloon Tong's two. They are now six points ahead of their rivals and seem to be in a very good position indeed for the championship.

In the Third Division, the two teams most interested in the shield—Kowloon B.G.C. and Police—clashed at Austin Road, and though they could not take the major share of the points owing to the brilliance of J. C. Aitken and his rink of J. Hayward, J. S. Riddell and H. Nolan, who defeated J. A. Fraser, Sir Althol MacGregor, E. V. Scarle and H. Nish by the match winning margin of 16 shots—which easily covered the two shots lost by A. E. Carey and the four by J. MacDonald.

At the moment, Kowloon B.G.C. are nine and a half points ahead of the Police, who, however, have three matches in hand. The position, therefore, is still very open.

The Indians scored a clean sweep against Hongkong Electric, but they have left their spirit till too late as they have already lost four matches.

Louis Will Join Army If Nova Beats Him

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (UP).—Promoter Mike Jacobs today revealed that Joe Louis will join the United States Army if he loses his world's heavyweight title to Lou Nova in their return bout on September 19.

He said that the "Brown Bomber" would engage in recruiting work or act as boxing instructor if he joins the Army.

The negro fighter, Jacobs added, would take a chance on obtaining a furlough which would permit him to attempt to regain the title next June. This return match was specified in the contract Nova signed.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN WON BY GUS LESNEVICH

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (UP).—Gus Lesnevich secured a close decision over Tami Mauriello last night, winning the world's light heavyweight title.

The decision was not unanimous; the two judges voted for Lesnevich and the referee, Eddie Joseph, for Mauriello. Mike Jacobs, promoter, announced that a return match would be held.

Soccer Lecture To-day

The fourth lecture of the series on Soccer Laws, dealing with Law No. 11, the Offside, will be delivered by Staff Sergeant W. H. Foster, Army Representative of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association, to-day at 7 p.m. at Scandal Point Hall.

As this is a very complicated law requiring plenty of explanation in order to be understood, it is hoped that all candidates will make it a point to be present.

Major Baseball

Pirates Overwhelm Phillies 12-2

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (UP).—Pittsburgh Pirates overwhelmed Philadelphia Phillies 12-2 to-day in one of the two day games played in the National League.

The Giants-Cardinals and Reds-Dodgers games are nighters. Scores were:

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Chicago	6	13	0
Batteries—Passeau, McCubugh; Boston	0	13	0
Batteries—Salvo, Derrea	0	13	0

Water-Polo League

Further water-polo matches in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament were played at the "Y" pool last night.

Results: Y.M.C.A. beat Middlesex "A" 4-2. Goal scorers—for Y.M.C.A. A. F. May (2), R. Goldman and N. D. Booker (penalty); Middlesex, Dimden (2). Signals beat Middlesex "B" 4-0 (Allen 2, Dignann 2).

Royal Navy "B" beat 95th Battery R.A. 4-0. (Rutter 2, Lt. Thompson 1, Barnett 1).

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HEATS for the V.R.C. Members' Gala on Wednesday next were held at the V.R.C. last night and resulted as follows:

Boys' 100 yards free-style: 1st Heat: 1. Ribeiro; 2. J. Erickson; Heat 2: 1. J. Gomes; 2. J. Anderson; 3. J. Jura-Pereira. Members' 50 yards free-style (handicap): 1st Heat: 1. L. Vieira; 2. F. Vieira; 3. F. Sequiera; Heat 2: 1. N. Broadbridge; 2. F. M. Brito; 3. F. A. Noronha.

Ladies' 50 yards free-style "A" class: Heat 1: 1. M. Noronha; 2. S. Yell; Heat 2: 1. Y. Yuen; 2. C. Yell; 3. V. Bull. Boys' 100 yards breast-stroke: 1. W. Ribeiro; 2. J. Roza-Pereira; 3. J. Gomes.

Golf

U.S. Amateur Reaches Match Play Stages

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 27. (Reuter).—Play became much more difficult in the American Amateur Golf Championship to-day owing to a high wind and, though Stewart Alexander increased his first-round score by 10 strokes for an aggregate of 144, he led the field of 64 match play qualifiers by a stroke from John Burke.

Johnny Goodman, title-holder, was equal tenth with 152, but the scoring does not really matter as the championship will now be continued by match play.

Marvin Ward and Johnny Goodman, each 145, followed Burke. Ellsworth Vines, famous tennis player, continued to show he is a better commanding respect by finishing high with an aggregate of 150. Charles Yates, now an army private, who won the British Championship a few years ago, finished with 154, easily qualifying.

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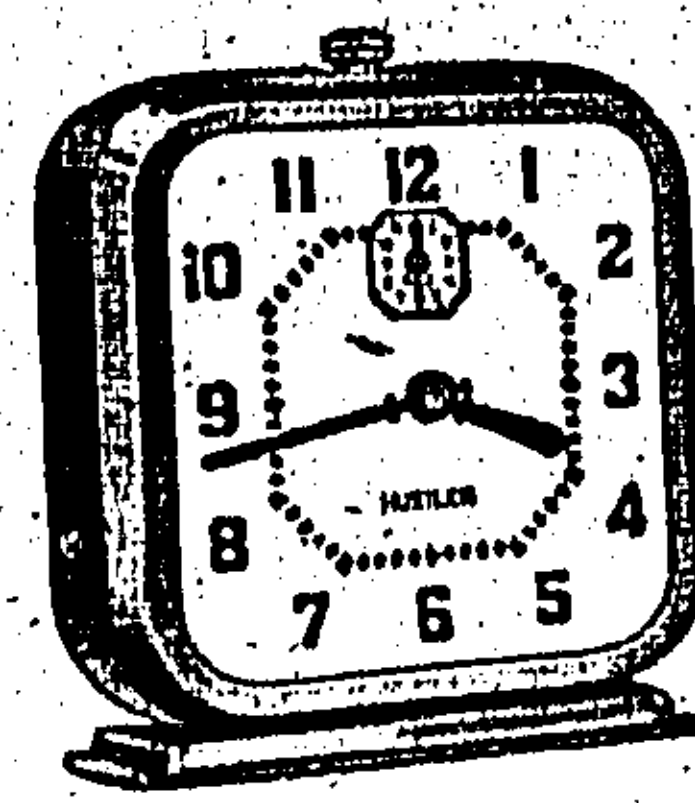
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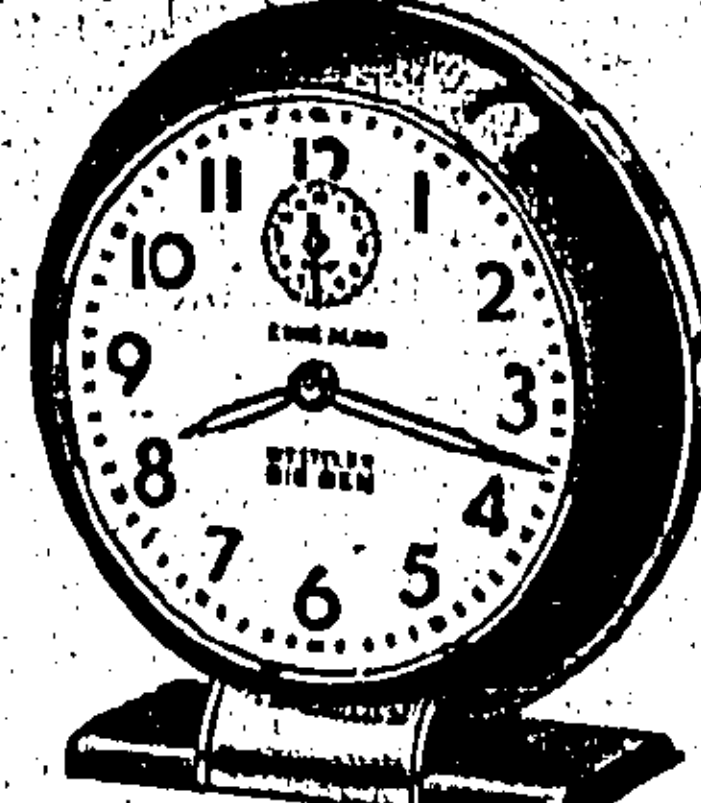
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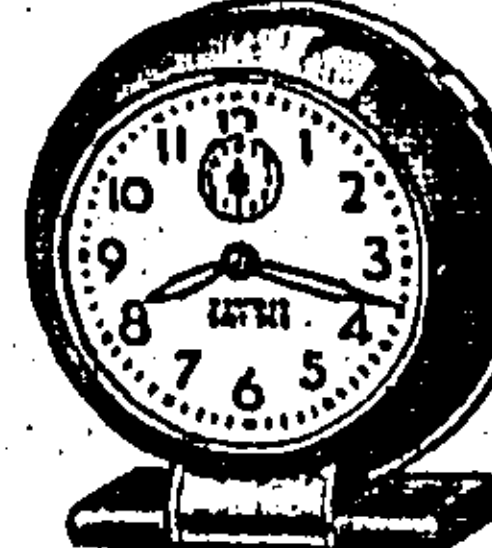


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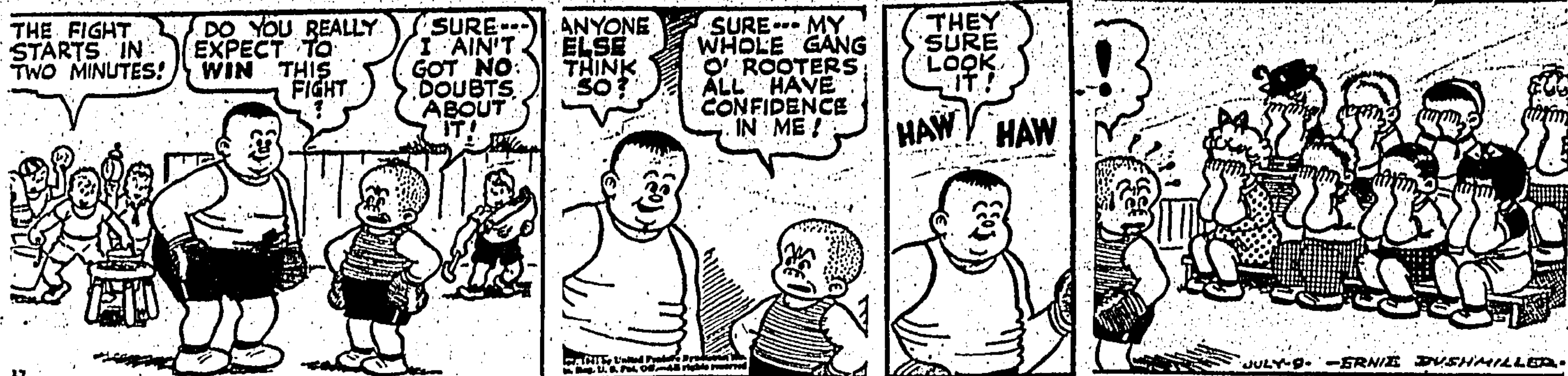
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NO IMPERIAL WAR CABINET

(By "Reuter's" Political Correspondent)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—There has been much discussion in political circles on the question of Dominion participation in the direction of the war. Point has been lent to this discussion by the recent proceedings in Australia.

In regard to the question of an Imperial War Cabinet, it is felt that admirable though such a suggestion is in theory, it presents enormous difficulties in practice.

Reference is continually made to the Imperial War Cabinet in the last war but in fact that Cabinet only met three times, once in 1917 and twice in 1918. It was in fact a gathering of Dominion Prime Ministers.

There have been attempts during this war to arrange for similar meetings of Dominion Prime Ministers, but up to the present it has not been found possible to get them all in this country at the same time.

Full Communication

It must be remembered too that there is very full inter-communication between the various Dominion Governments and this country. More-over the Dominions Secretary attends every meeting of the War Cabinet and there is a meeting every day between the Dominions Secretary and the High Commissioners who are given a very full account of what is going on. There is also a stream of telegrams between Britain and various British High Commissioners in the Dominions and from them to Britain.

Another suggestion which has been discussed is that visiting Prime Ministers should also be members of the War Cabinet. Although there are certain technical difficulties in this proposal, as in the case of a United Kingdom War Cabinet, in practice any visiting Prime Minister attends the War Cabinet and takes part in all discussions except those of a purely domestic nature, and the fact that he is a Dominion Prime Minister gives him special authority on his own.

Dominion Ministers

A proposal has also been made that there should be Dominion Ministers attending the War Cabinet, but a point is made of what powers they should be given by their Governments.

A Prime Minister can bind his Government but that would not be the position of any other Minister who would presumably have to refer back for approval of any important matter that might arise with all the consequences of delay, and also the fact that to a considerable extent he would be duplicating the present function of a High Commissioner.

It is quite certain that the proposal that one Dominion Minister should represent other Dominions would not be acceptable to the other Dominions. Each Dominion has its own point of view on the various problems that arise and it can and does express it.

War Cabinet Too Large

This difficulty might be solved by the appointment of Ministers from all the Dominions to attend the War

Cabinet, but already criticism is being made in the country that the War Cabinet is too large as at present constituted. There has been some discussion on the part played by General Smuts in the last war, but he did not represent either the dominions or South Africa. He was invited by Mr Lloyd George on account of his qualities as a soldier and statesman and it was in his own individual capacity that he acted in the War Cabinet. That situation would not apply to people who came to this country as representatives of the Dominions.

Australia's Interest

Australia is the only Dominion that is showing any interest in this matter at the moment. The aim of the Government over here is to secure the fullest possible collaboration with the Dominions. Apart from a meeting of Dominion Prime Ministers which it is still hoped will be held when circumstances permit, there is no idea at present of summoning an Imperial conference. Such a conference, however, would be held when it was felt necessary to deal with the many problems coming up for settlement at the end of the war.

MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—A British Middle East communique issued from G.H.Q. to-day states:

Libya.—In the frontier area, as the result of activity of our patrols, the enemy opened up artillery fire. In the Tobruk area, there is no change.

Italian East Africa.—In the Woreda area, a small detachment, co-operating with Ethiopian patrols, successfully attacked an enemy fort, capturing seven Italians and several machine-guns.

R.A.F. in Action

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—In Iran yesterday R.A.F. fighters continued to provide protection for our forward troops. One Hawker-type aircraft was shot down while taking off at Alivaz and another was attacked on the ground.

Our bombers again dropped pamphlets on Isfahan, Shiraz, and Kasbin. Another force successfully bombed gun positions and troops concentrations holding Pytak Pass.

Further reports show that during the operations by our fighters on August 25, four Iranian aircraft, not three as stated in yesterday's communique, were destroyed.

In bombing attacks on Ahwaz aerodrome, direct hits were obtained on a hangar, setting it on fire and destroying at least one Iranian aircraft.

BOMBAY, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Some 1,200 Italian prisoners, including one general and over 500 officers, have arrived here.



One of the photographs entered in Section 1 of the Eleventh Annual Photographic Competition conducted by The Hongkong Telegraph.

Germans And Italians Taken Prisoner In Iran Action

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is learned here that a large number of Germans and Italians are among the prisoners taken at Bandar Shapur. Many Iranian naval prisoners were also taken at Bandar Shapur and Khorramshah.

It is now known that airborne troops were landed at the Haftkel area to protect the employees of the Oil Company.

The British are now in complete occupation of Bandar Shapur, Khorramshah, Sylaimanyah and Qasabshah. The whole area west of Khorramshah along the Shatt-al-Arab River right down to Abadan is in British hands.

On the south bank of the Karun River, the British have occupied a naval floating dock secured in a passage of the river between Basrah and Abadan.

Abadan Island is completely cleared of Iranians.

Ready To Temporize?

(By "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Now that the blow has fallen, the Iranian Government seem disposed to come forward with fresh proposals of a more comprehensive character. It is believed that the Shah informed Sir Reader Bullard, the British Minister in Teheran, that the Iranian Government would be willing to expel all Germans except a few indispensable technicians within a week and even those would be removed as soon as substitutes could be trained.

Now that the two governments have taken steps to reduce the evil of the German fifth columnist manoeuvres this offer suggests a somewhat tardy appreciation of the circumstances.

The proposals of the Iranian Government will no doubt receive the fullest consideration, but it is obvious that the military operations that have been initiated cannot be suspended until the British and Soviet Governments are satisfied that all potential menace from the Axis in Iran has been effectively countered.

Justice of Reasons

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—While there is no confirmation in London of reports that the Iranian Government may seek a peaceful settlement with Britain and Russia, there is little doubt that the Shah appreciates the formidable nature of the opposition of the forces moving into Iran, "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns.

SHAH SOLD ALL GRAIN TO NAZIS

Food Riots Break Out

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated in London that the Iranian Government, tempted by favourable credit terms which the Germans offered, have sold for export virtually the whole year's grain harvest as well as stocks of tea and sugar with a complete disregard of the needs of the Iranians.

Already there is much destitution. Food riots have taken place in Shiraz, Isfahan, Yazd, Kerman and Hamadan and even in the capital there is a serious shortage, and discontent is rife.

Supplies From Iraq

It is estimated that in the oil areas of the southwest, the existing supplies will suffice for the barest needs of the civil population only until September 15.

In view of this lamentable state of affairs, orders have been given to the General Officer Commanding the British troops to import at once into the area occupied by the British 650 tons of wheat from Iraq.

This represents something like one month's supply and will meet the initial requirements. It will in due course be supplemented by further consignments from India.

Civilian Governor For Bermuda Appointed

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Viscount Knollys has been appointed Governor and C-in-C in Bermuda, succeeding Lieut-General Sir Denis Kirwan Bernard, whose resignation has been accepted by the King.

The appointment follows a recent decision that the Governor should be a civilian.

Victory Label Sales Swell Bomber Fund

Yesterday's Bomber Fund collections included \$187 from the Electric Competition, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, Bowling Alley, and several more donations from the sale of Victory labels. The Fund now totals \$2,504,322.25. The following is the latest list:

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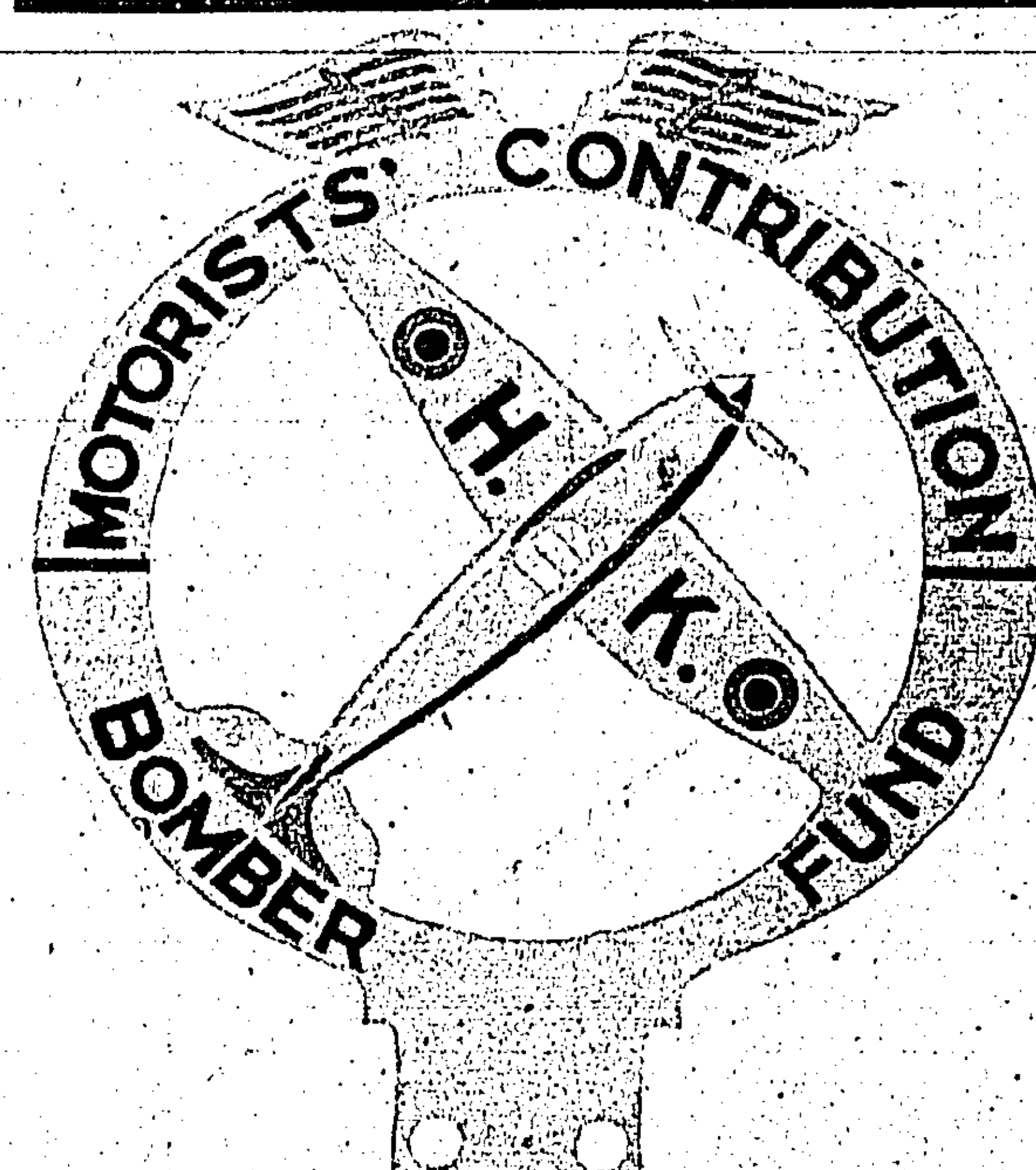
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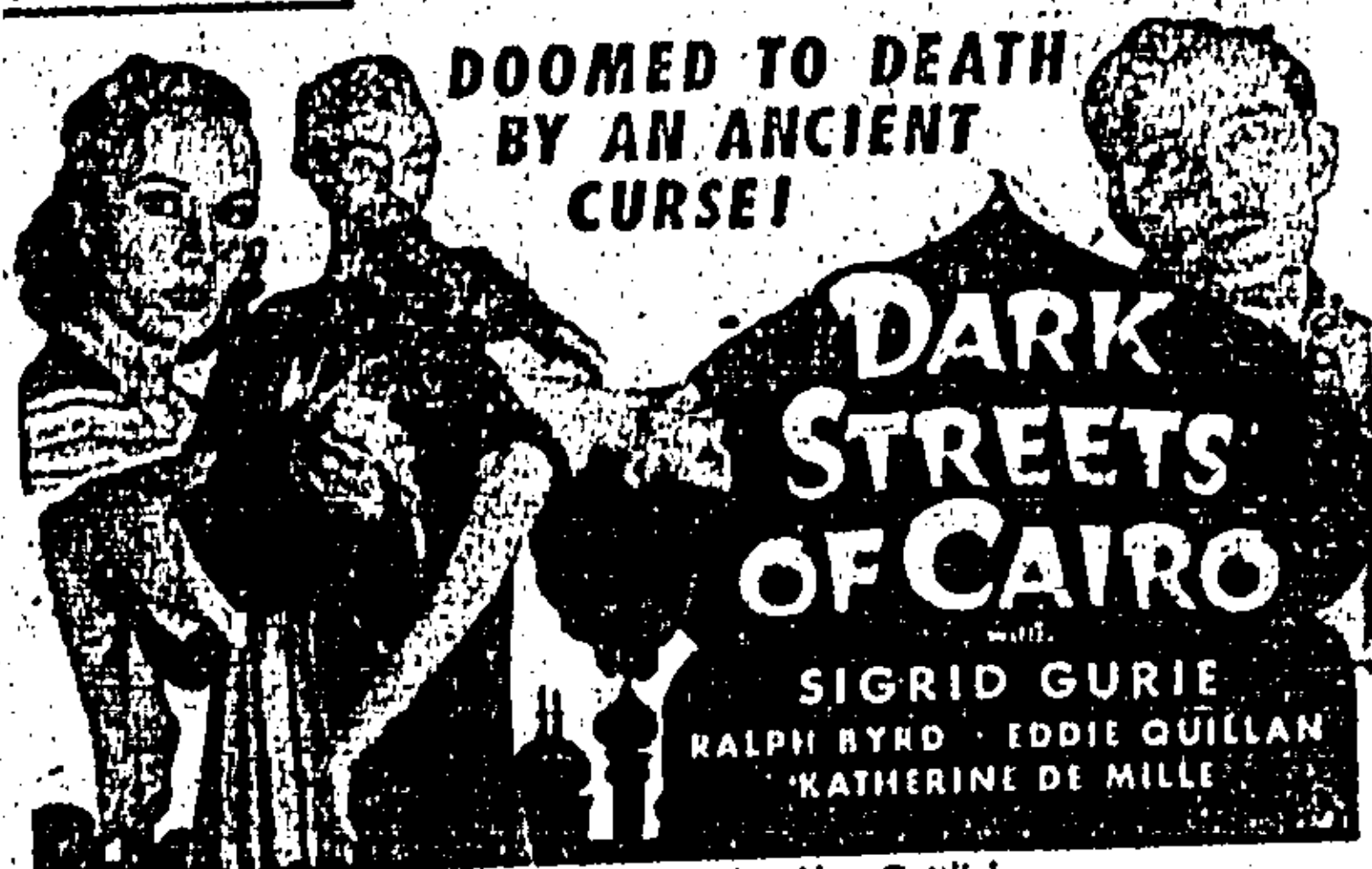
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Communists Attempt Assassinate Laval

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former member of the Cabinet, arrived from Vichy at 9.30 p.m. and went directly to the hospital.

Incident Described
LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuters).—Pierre Laval and Marcel Deat were shot at and wounded—though not seriously—at Versailles this afternoon, says the Vichy news agency.

The assassin was a young man, Paul Collette, aged 29.
Count Fernand de Brinon, French Ambassador in the Occupied Zone, afterwards made the following statement to the press, according to the Paris Radio.

"This afternoon Laval and Deat have been the victims of an attack under the following circumstances:

Inspection of Barracks
"At Versailles the first French volunteers of the anti-Bolshevik Legion were to enter their barracks. At the beginning of the ceremony, the French colours were hoisted and La Marseillaise was sung for the first time in occupied territory. Thereafter official visitors inspected the barracks.

"Thousands of the Versailles population in a procession, in which I was present, passed under the porch of the barracks. According to preliminary investigations, Laval and Deat must have been immediately behind me. I heard faint reports to which I paid no particular attention. A few moments later, I observed Laval, supported by some people. He said 'They have hit me.' 'He was immediately removed to the Versailles Hospital.

"Deat was also wounded.

Deliberate Attack
"The alleged attacker has been arrested. He is a young man who has admitted that he joined the Legion for the purpose of committing the attack.
"Laval was shot in the arm and in his side. The bullet has been extracted.
"Deat was also shot in the arm.
"The conditions of the victims are not considered to be serious."

To Shoot Someone
Brought before an examining Magistrate, Collette said that he was born at Mondoville in the Department of Calvados. "I only arrived in Versailles this afternoon as a volunteer," he said.
"I had decided to enlist in the Legion with the idea of shooting down someone. The only man I could recognise among the personages was the former Prime Minister, Laval. That is why I fired at him." The inquiry is still continuing.

ENEMY CONVOYS SMASHED

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inches while its gunners kept up a concentrated fire on the enemy planes.

One gunner alone, according to the Air Ministry News Service, fired 1,500 rounds. He saw pieces fall off a Messerschmitt, but there was no time for checking scores.

Blenheim Worsted
The fleet ships put up a fierce defence and one Blenheim was seen to fly through the thick of the barrage, receive a hit and dive into the sea. About half an hour later, Blenheims with a fighter escort, found an even larger convoy off the Dutch coast. There were two lines of merchantmen staggered in line astern with fleet ships at the four corners of the convoy, and two in the middle on the seaward side.

Fighters were seen but they stood off or engaging either the Blenheims or the fighter escort.

Largest Ship Sunk
A Blenheim attacked the largest ship of the convoy from a height of 50 feet, dropping a bomb which blew all the top works off midships, causing a billow of black smoke to immediately cover the entire vessel.

Another Blenheim dropped a bomb on the same ship which broke up quickly and sank.

In all, four other ships were hit and left blanketed with flames. Both fighters and bombers machine-gunned bridges and decks of many ships. "Nothing could have lived on those bridges after we had put such loads of lead in them," says one Blenheim gunner.

Greatest Fisherman In R.A.F.

As far back as the oldest stomach in a desert squadron of the R.A.F. could remember, it had had nothing in the way of food that had not come out of tins. But, close at hand, the blue Mediterranean lapped the sands of the North African coast. With a sudden flash of insight, one or two of the more astute minds grasped the fact that this blue water, Mussolini's very own Mare Nostrum, could solve the problem of gastronomic monotony.

Fish! Lashings of fish, on the doorstep so to speak. Grilled soles for breakfast. Lobsters for lunch. Herring, cod, turbot, prawns—maybe even a caviar-stuffed sturgeon and an occasional turtle for the soup. All they had to do was to get a few lines and pull the fish out of the sea.

They got the lines, made hooks, opened tins for bait and fished assiduously, with winking teeth, for hours on end. The fish snifted at the bait, entered and swam off. It was therefore somewhat tough on the fish that an R.A.F.V.I. officer, a one-time Kenya gold miner, was working nearly blinding trenches out of the rock with high explosives. "Fish," he said, "I'll get you some fish."

Next day he was seen walking down to the beach with a number of beer bottles in his hand and a posse of stout swimmers at his heels. Shortly afterwards there was a dull rumble, the sea heaved slightly, the swimmers plunged in and returned with schools of stunned fish in their arms.

There was fresh fish for everybody that night. The toast in the Mess was: "To the greatest fisherman the R.A.F. has ever known."

Attorney Stumped By Judge

PADEENA, Cal., (UP).—When attorney Clark Edwin Davis was arrested for speeding, he remembered above all he was an attorney.

Defending himself in police court, he asked the arresting officer, Paul Goble, if he could produce a certificate of accuracy for the speedometer of the officer's motorcycle. He could not.

Police Judge Kenneth N. Newell, conducting the offence, asked Davis for a certificate of accuracy for his speedometer.

Davis paid a \$5 fine.

LATE NEWS

Strong Russian Counter-Attacks

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for the Germans to attempt to drive in a wedge.

The Russian communique again speaks of severe fighting all along the front but does not mention any place specifically. It must be admitted that this severe reticence of Russian communiques does engender a certain degree of nervousness especially as it leaves the field clear for resounding German claims fortunately these have so often proved to be exaggerated that they are always treated with extreme reserve.

Leningrad Area

There is no further news of fighting in the Leningrad area nor, more significant still, is there any more information available on the subject of the Russian counter-offensive at Gornel. Considerable importance is attached to this Soviet attack as it is felt it may have a decisive influence in the Russian campaign at Gornel. Here again one is very near the point of junction between the left flank of Timoshenko and the right of Marshal Budenny.

Having failed in their blitz tactics and the policy of attrition not yet having yielded appreciable results, the Germans are apparently trying to separate the three Russian commands by a series of piecemeal attacks. If they are able to retain the initiative these tactics are certainly full of menace but it is possible that the Russian commanders have some cards up their sleeves.

Borislay Captured

BERLIN, Aug. 27 (UP).—Radio Berlin to-day announced that Borislay, near the mouth of the Dnieper river has been captured. The town was heavily mined. Houses were taken individually with heavy hand to hand fighting. Five Soviet battalions reinforced by pioneers were destroyed, 1,500 were taken prisoner and the streets are strewn with dead. According to a special communique, the Germans have captured Vellike Luki where they took over 30,000 prisoners and 400 guns. The Soviet dead is estimated at 40,000.

Huge German Losses

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (UP).—The Germans lost 80,000 dead and wounded, 200 tanks, 100 guns and 100 planes in the battle of Gornel according to a report from General Ivan Berezovsky.

Hungarian Claims

BUDAPEST, Aug. 27 (UP).—A communique issued to-day states that Hungarian troops have crossed the Lower Dnieper at several points. The Soviet "threw" all available forces into the east bank of the Dnieper, but counter-attacks repulsed them.

Soviets Penetrate Deep Into Iran

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by guaranteeing that most of the Germans would be expelled within one week, it was stated. "We have been negotiating this matter for some time and have had that sort of promise before."

Soviet Advance Continues

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (Reuters).—Information about the progress of the Russian troops in Iran is still inconclusive but the place names mentioned in the communique leaves no doubt that progress is rapid and is not meeting opposition.

The Soviet press strongly emphasises that there is no quarrel with the Iranians.
"Pravda" stresses the largely feudal nature of Iran society and the exorbitant rents being paid to landlords and also Hitler's influence over the Fascist officer elements of the Iran Army.

It is apparent from the speed of the Russian advance into Iran that motorised troops are being largely used.

Iranian Cabinet Resigns, Report

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuters).—According to an Iranian spokesman in Ankara, the Iranian Cabinet resigned to-day, says Martin Agronsky, the N.B.C. radio commentator.

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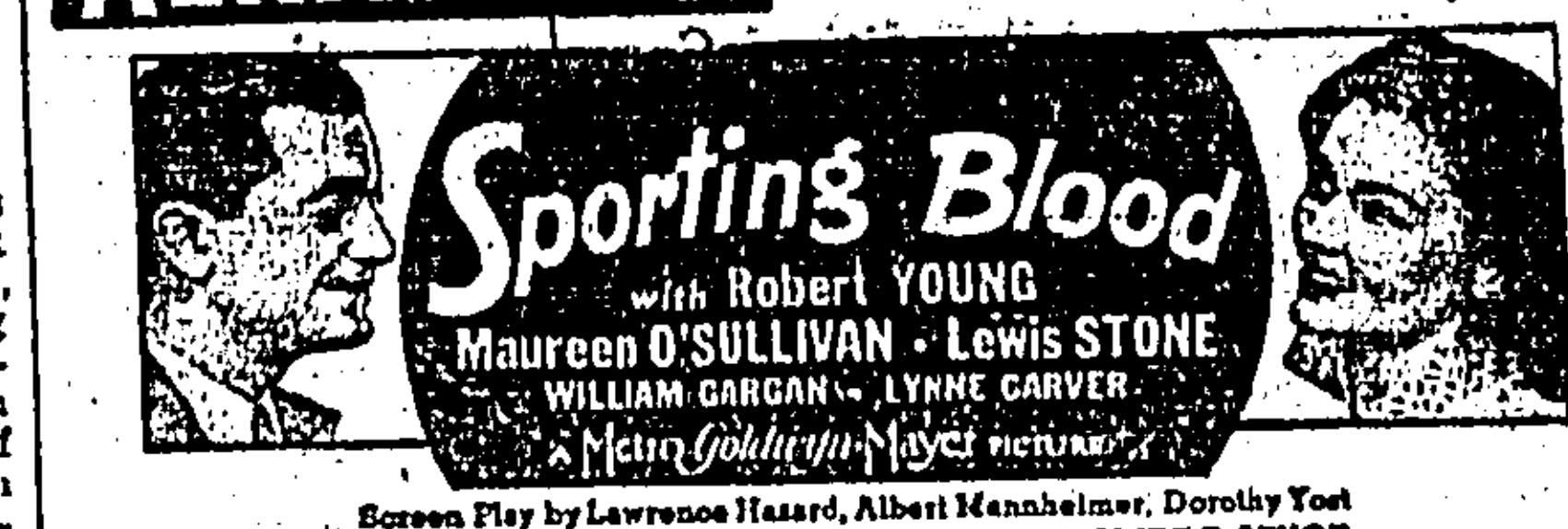
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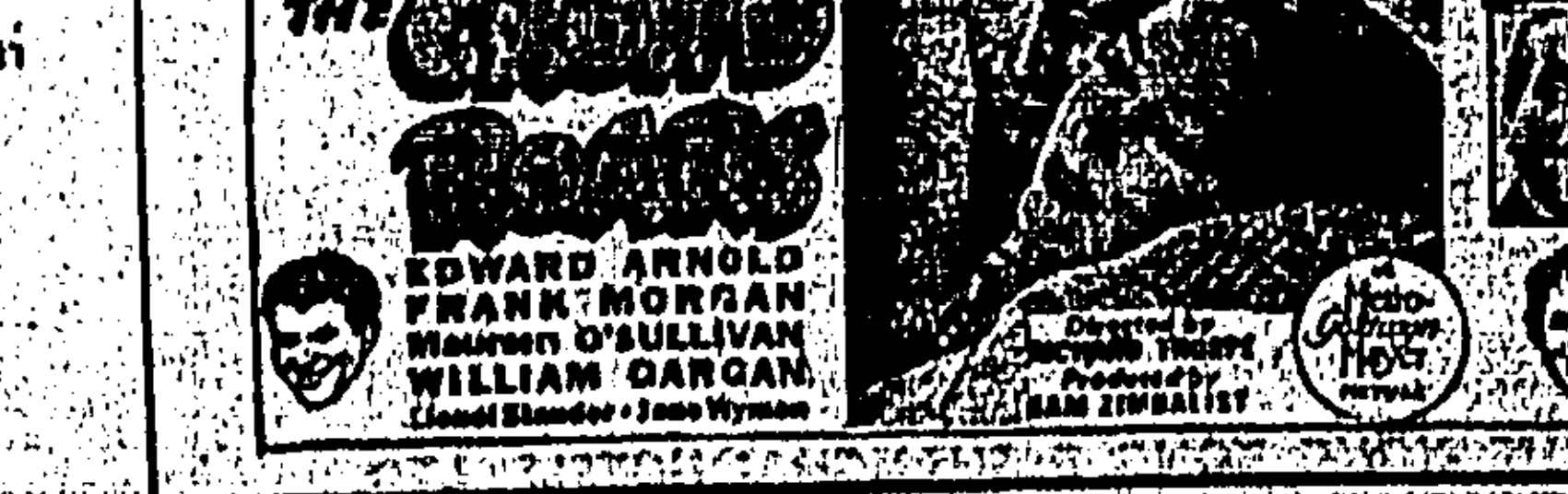
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STABILITY OF TOKYO CABINET THREATENED BY FAILURE TO ACT

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 28 (UP).—Non-Axis diplomats have received reports from Tokyo that a Cabinet crisis is brewing owing to the failure of the Konoye Government to solve the problems arising from the British and American freezing and embargo, and also the failure of the Government to halt United States shipments to Vladivostok.

At the same time, the pro-Axis group, who are reported to have engineered the shooting of Baron Hiranuma, are doing their utmost to obtain a military Cabinet which will press for expansion.

These reports say that it is understood that Japan has reached the cross-roads where she must within a fortnight finally determine her policy.

It is indicated that the present government is one with which a Japanese rapprochement with the British and Americans might be reached, but failure would result in the formation of a strong military government.

Significant Interviews

Yesterday some significant interviews took place in Tokyo, the Premier, Prince Konoye, and the Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, having long audiences with the Emperor.

Prince Konoye had received the latest information in the hands of the Cabinet Chief Secretary and the Minister of Information before he was received by His Majesty.

Vladivostok Issue

TOKYO, Aug. 28 (Domei).—Declaring that the nation's TURN to Back Page, Column 5

W. African Bases For U.S. Fleet?

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—A report from America that General de Gaulle had offered to put the Free French ports in Africa at the disposal of the United States as naval bases, presumably to counteract the German influence at Dakar, was read with attention, states "Reuters" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The Free French Headquarters in London stated that they had no knowledge of such an offer though in any case the decision would be made by the General himself at Brazzaville.

From what is known of the General's views, however, it was thought that if America considered these ports would prove useful to the United States, the Free French would gladly place them at America's disposal.

OPPOSITION TO VICHY GOVT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Aug. 27 (UP).—The Parliament, through M. Herriot, President of the Chamber of Deputies and M. Jeanneney, President of the Senate today sent a formal written protest against the Government's order to evacuate Vichy, pointing out that it was a violation of the constitution. Both Houses also sent delegates to see Admiral Darlan, the Vice Premier, who denied that the Government intended to violate the constitution or attempt to repress Parliament.

LATEST

POSSIBLE CRISIS In Japan, Hint

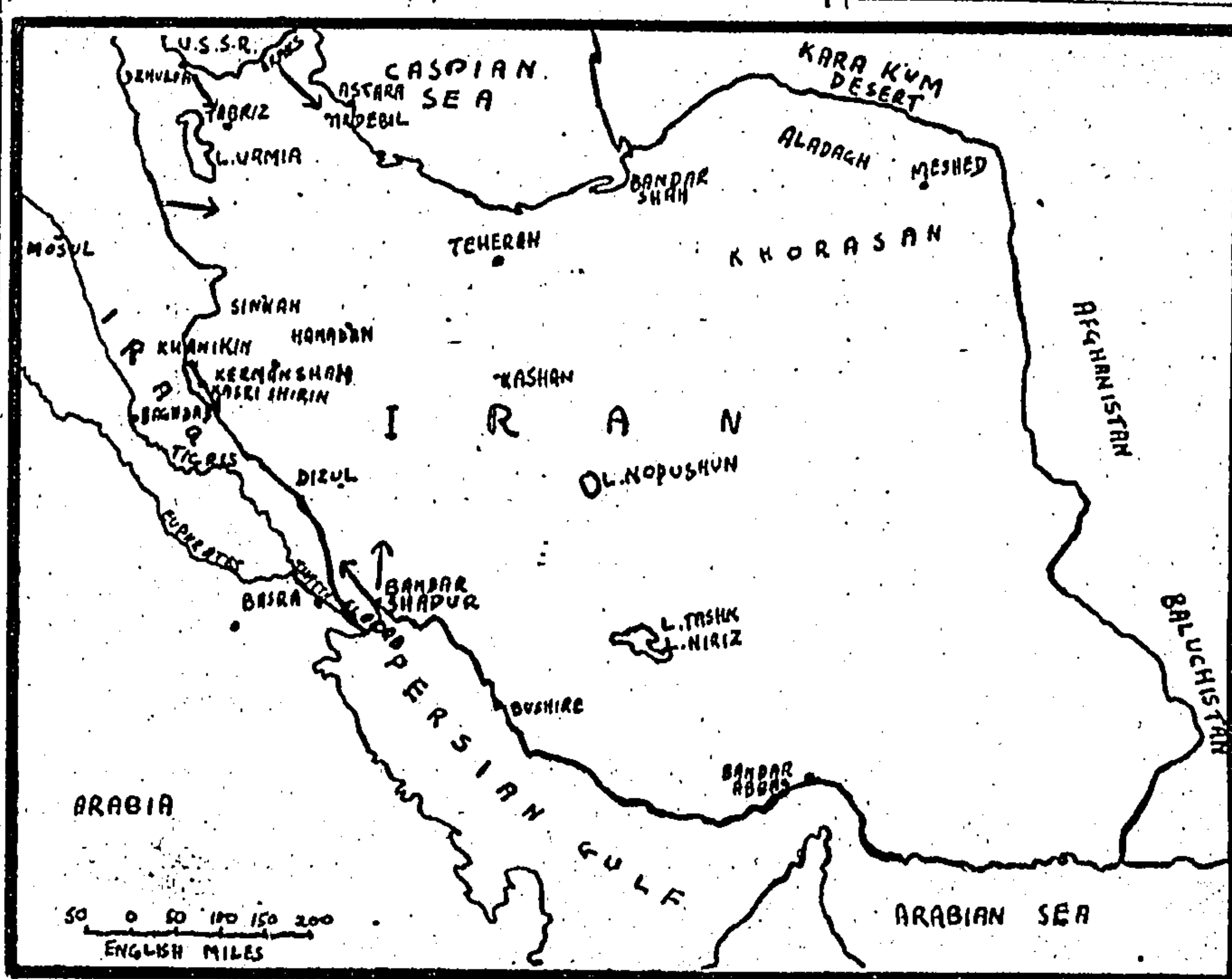
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Aug. 28 (UP).—According to non-Axis diplomats there are reports that the Japanese have virtually given up hopes of any Anglo-American rapprochement due to Washington's dispatch of General Magruder's mission to Chungking and the strong Washington and Moscow statement regarding shipments to Vladivostok, coupled with Molotov's warning that if Japan stops supplies going to Vladivostok it would be regarded as an unfriendly act.

It is indicated that the Japanese have reached an economic impasse as a result of the freezing and embargo orders which have confronted Konoye with the alternatives of reaching a rapprochement with Britain and America in this connection or resigning, bringing in a complete militaristic cabinet which would probably attempt forcibly to obtain access to strategic raw materials.

The "Hochi Shimbun" which predicted the resignation of the previous Konoye Cabinet a week before it TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Allied Coup In Iran

The invasion of Iran by British and Russian forces to forestall Nazi action, is progressing favourably. This map indicates the points from where the Allies are making their advance. The British attacks are mainly from Iraq and in the south, while the Soviets have made two penetrations from the north as indicated by the arrows.



Strong Russian Counter-Attacks Launched on the Dnieper Front

VICHY, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest message to the Vichy news agency to-night, Russian troops have launched counter-attacks "with all their available forces" on the lower Dnieper River battle-front. The Hungarians claim that so far all have been repulsed.

Rumanian Army Discord

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—General Ciuperca, former Inspector-General of the Rumanian Army, has been shot for opposing the sending of the Rumanian Army to fight beyond the Dniester, according to rumours in Bucharest quoted by the Independent French news agency. He adds that 12 Rumanian Generals have resigned for the same reason.

On Road To Moscow

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—"Annalist" writes: With blare of trumpets and roll of drums the Germans to-day announced the capture of Velikiye Lugi, a junction on the direct railway from Riga to Moscow. They claim a big bag of prisoners and 400 guns.

The area marks the junction of the armies of Voroshilov and Timoshenko and it would be the natural place TURN to Back Page, Column 4

GERMAN PRESSURE ON TURKEY

New Developments Anticipated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 27 (UP).—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from Beirut states that renewed German diplomatic pressure on Turkey, coupled with the spectacular military preparations in Bulgaria and the Aegean Islands, has resulted in the belief that Hitler is contemplating a move to counter the Anglo-Russian march on Iran.

The report said that Ambassador von Papen is returning to Ankara to confer with M. Sarajoglu and cited that the Turkish Ambassador to Berlin has been summoned to Hitler's eastern front headquarters after a lightning visit to Ankara.

Noting the reports of German concentrations, it said, "The important British military conference just concluded at Jerusalem surveyed all possibilities."

Von Papen In Ankara

ANKARA, Aug. 27 (UP).—The German Ambassador, Colonel Franz von Papen arrived in Ankara this morning after a conference with the Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu.

Istanbul Story

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (UP).—A Tass dispatch from Istanbul, citing authoritative Bulgarian sources, reports that the Germans are preparing an anti-Soviet move and are planning to release several Turkish ships from Bulgarian ports, torpedo them and blame Soviet submarines, worsening Soviet-Turkish relations.

Shot At By French Communists



M. LAVAL

ENEMY CONVOYS SMASHED

Stirring Actions By British Bombers

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Pickings are becoming a bit rare these days for the boys of the Coastal Bomber Command and when the eager eyes of these boys, therefore, observe a German convoy they allow no obstacle of danger to stand in their way.

On Tuesday about noon, a group of Blenheim bombers flying in patrol without the benefit of escort, sighted a large enemy convoy off the German Frisian Islands. It was observed that the convoy was extremely well protected. The Germans were taking no chances with this precious freight.

There were six flank ships which are vessels specially fitted as anti-aircraft destroyers, bristling with guns. They were guarding the merchantmen while above circled a patrol of Messerschmitt 110's at about 1,000 feet.

Against this formidable line, the Blenheims roared in low to attack. The first pilot singled out a freighter as a target and the crew believe that they got a hit, though they could not verify this as the pilot had to make a snap turn to avoid hitting the ship's mast.

Freighter Hit

Another Blenheim attacked a freighter, dropping bombs amidships causing a great flash, and flames and smoke leaped into the air.

Other crews busily occupied themselves with bombing and machine-gunning the ships and escorts. Meanwhile, as was expected, the enemy aircraft escort peeled off and came down to engage the Blenheims which were skillfully intent on creating havoc among the merchantmen. But the British were ready for this contingency, and one flight of Blenheims acting as a section in flying formation adopted evasive

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PUBLIC CEREMONY TO FAREWELL GOVERNOR

A public farewell ceremony to His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Lady Northcote will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday September 2, at the King's Theatre which has been kindly lent by the Directors for the occasion.

A valedictory address will be delivered by the Honourable Mr. J. J. Paterson on behalf of the Community of Hongkong, and a Chinese address by the Hon. Sir Robert Kolowall, C.M.G., LL.D., at the conclusion of which a screen will be presented to His Excellency and a small gift to Lady Northcote by the Chinese residents of Hongkong, and His Excellency will reply.

All members of the public are cordially invited to attend. The whole of the Dress Circle will be available for the accommodation of members of the public who have not received special invitations. All attending are asked to be in their seats by 11.50 a.m.

Roosevelt's New Ban

No Military Tools For Axis From Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (UP).—President Roosevelt today issued an all inclusive proclamation preventing machine tools, military equipment or machinery from reaching non-military countries.

This is presumably designed to prevent such materials from moving through the Philippines to Axis arms enumerated in the July black-list.

Tight Control

The proclamation places re-exports from the Philippines under tight control, thus plugging the leak in foodstuffs and other products from the Philippines to the Axis nations. The proclamation accomplishes what Insular legislation submitted for Presidential approval sought on somewhat different lines, thus indirectly confirming an earlier "United Press" report that the Philippines Bill would not be signed. Under the proclamation the President has shut off all further re-exports of materials originating in the United States which are shipped to the Philippines. The action was taken on the theory that these materials, namely foodstuffs, vegetables and animal fibres were essential to United States defence.

Quezon's Action

President Quezon is understood to have initiated action some months ago to halt re-exports of rice, canned fish, evaporated milk and several other important products which drained the Commonwealth's food supplies at a time when shipping shortages impeded the Government seeking to build up food reserves.

The practice is reported to have developed where merchants re-exported these products to India, China and Japan, some of which were trans-shipped to Germany, commanding a much higher price than the Philippines' importers originally paid.

Iran Cabinet Resignation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (UP).—Quoting an Iranian spokesman at Ankara, "N.B.C." states that the Iranian Cabinet has resigned.

Reliable sources in Ankara state that the new premier when appointed would announce a declaration of the League of Nations which had demonstrated Iran's desire for independence and shown that she was bowing only to superior forces.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PRO-GERMAN LAVAL

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Aug. 27 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval, former Premier of France, and a pro-German, was attacked to-day by a Communist during a ceremony for the mobilisation of anti-Communist volunteers at Borgnis des Bordes barracks, Versailles, shot in the arm and liver and seriously wounded. M. Marcel Deat, editor of the German-controlled Paris daily "L'Oeuvre" was also wounded.

Laval, with other prominent Frenchmen arrived at Versailles at 5 p.m. to attend the formal raising of the French colours over the barracks.

During the ceremony, two terrorists approached and shot at Laval from a few yards. One assailant, identified as Paul Colette, a communist, was taken to prison after being nearly lynched by bystanders.

The official party removed the wounded Laval to hospital.

This marked the first terrorist attack since the Schaumburg manifesto was issued threatening to shoot hostages for attacks on Germans. Laval has received numerous threatening letters.

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LENINGRAD RAIDED

More Than 100 Nazi Planes Downed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (UP).—Large scale and continuous air raids are reported over the approaches to Leningrad. Moscow has been without an air raid alarm for eight nights.

Attackers Repulsed

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (UP).—Radio London announced an intercepted Moscow Radio report saying that the Nazi air raid on Leningrad was repulsed and over 100 Nazi planes were shot down.

Telegraphic advices from Leningrad report that the Popular Guard are digging a new ring of trenches and extending the elaborate defences inward. They described that the whole city bastion has changed its appearance beyond recognition from land or air.

Americans Leaving Japan
TOKYO, Aug. 27 (UP).—Approximately 80 Americans including 20 officials and a group of missionaries headed by the Episcopal Bishop Charles Reider and other Americans are sailing on the Tatuta Maru from Kobe at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Thursday) for Shanghai enroute to the United States.

H.K. Soon to be Able to Buy War Savings Certificates

It is hoped that very shortly Hongkong residents will be able to purchase war savings certificates in the Colony.

This was indicated officially this morning, when it was revealed that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had approved of the idea of making available to the Hongkong public savings certificates in a similar manner to which people at Home can purchase.

Legislation is now being drafted to make this effective and it is expected the Bill will be ready for presentation to the Legislative Council within a few weeks.

It is presumed, although not stated, that war savings certificates will be purchasable from Post Offices, banks and other authorised centres.

Schools will probably be encouraged to assist the war effort by buying these certificates, as they are in England. There a weekly contribution of usually sixpence is made by a child and when the required amount has been subscribed, he receives his certificate. These are interest-bearing. Business houses also organised drives in England for the sale of certificates or towns a special "Savings Week." These ideas might probably be employed in Hongkong when the certificates become available to the public.

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8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

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8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 The London Piano-Accordion Band and Les Allen (Vocal).

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10.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 London—War Correspondents.

11.15 Close Down.

British Forced Down Over Portugal

LISBON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Two British twin-engined planes came down in Portugal to-day. One made a forced landing on the coast close to Lisbon and the other at Frelira in Oporto district.

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(Sgd.) W. V. TAYLOR, Acting Hon. Secretary, Evacuation Representation Committee.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kiu Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Approx. Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	Kiu Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong	as per plan.	about 2,338	0.53	\$1,769

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1	Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong	as per plan.	about 2,400	0.55	\$1,440

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Approx. Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong	as per plan.	about 10,000	2.28	\$20,000

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Soviets Penetrate Deep Into Iran: German Plot Exposed

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (UP).—It was revealed by the Tass Agency to-day that, following the occupation by Soviet forces of the Iranian towns of Tabriz, Ardebil, Lilsar and Dilman, the Russian advance continues and is developing in accordance with plans.

A dispatch from 18th station that the Red Army is marching in three columns which have covered about 180 miles into the south, forming almost a straight line from the Caspian Sea to Dilman on the Iran-Turkish border. Once again, no resistance is reported.

Big German Plot

Moscow newspapers to-day reported that a vast German organisation had already seized control of Iranian industry, commerce and transport and had been carrying on sabotage and espionage in preparation for a coup. This same organisation had also built up an anti-Russian and anti-Jewish ring, consisting of Russian White Guards and Armenian Nationalists to whom they had promised the creation of a "Greater Armenia" at the expense of Russia and Turkey.

Advance Will Continue

LONDON, Aug. 27 (UP).—It is authoritatively indicated that the advance on Iran will continue until there is a concrete guarantee that the Germans are being expelled. In connection with reports that the Shah had made a pledge for peace by guaranteeing that the Germans would be expelled within one week, it was stated, "We have been negotiating this matter for some time and have had that sort of promise before."

Soviet Advance Continues. MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Information about the progress of the Russian troops in Iran will be given in the communiqué leaves no doubt that progress is rapid and is not meeting opposition.

The Soviet press strongly emphasises that there is no quarrel with the Iranians. "Pravda" stresses the largely feudal nature of Iran society and the exploiters being paid to landlords and also Hitler's influence over the Fascist officer elements of the Iran Army.

It is apparent from the speed of the Russian advance into Iran that motorised troops are being largely used.

Iranian Cabinet Resigns, Report

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—According to an Iranian spokesman in evidence, the Iranian Cabinet resigned to-day, says Martin Agronsky, the N.B.C. radio commentator.

Spirit Of Norway Unquelled

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Recent reports from Norway indicate that despite the state of siege existing, acts of sabotage are steadily increasing, according to a Moscow report to-day.

"The German authorities have made recourse to mass arrests and concentration camps are full to overflowing," says the report.

One of the most important acts of the saboteurs occurred at Trondheim where a "violent explosion was heard. It was a huge dump of German aerial bombs."

Many fires are raging in Norway, says the report, especially in districts where the German Command have built important secret military establishments.

Gen. Norton's District Near Hostilities

QUETTA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The disclosure of the conditions on either side of Baluchistan on the Iranian border are perfectly peaceful was made to "Reuter" by Lieut-General E. F. Norton, Commander of the Western (Independent) district with headquarters at Quetta.

He expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements for the protection of India from any aggression and endorsed General Sir Archibald Wavell's recent statement that India would be firmly defended under his command, which extends from Karachi to the border of the North-west Frontier Province and includes Baluchistan, General Norton said that the defences were strong and invulnerable.

NAZIS IMPRISON CUBANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 28 (UP).—The official news agency states: "A number of Cubans in the occupied territories have been imprisoned for activity inimical to the state and threatening German security."

Huntziger Appointed To Lead Troops

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (UP).—The B.B.C. to-day stated that British Radio at Vichy announced that General Huntziger has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of all Vichy troops in North Africa. The former Commander, General Odet has been recalled and named military Commander at Toulouse. There was no mention of General Weygand.

Old Coin Collection Court Claim Succeeds

Abdul Aziz Rumjahn was the Defendant in a \$2,500 damages claim instituted by Mr Mervanji Palonji Talati before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning. Plaintiff was represented by the Hon. Mr Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr W. A. Mackinnon of Messrs Deacons. Defendant was absent.

The Statement of Claim states that (1) Plaintiff is a merchant and carries on business at 18 Ice House Street; (2) Defendant is a commission agent and carries on business at Wang King Building, Queen's Road, Central; (3) On or about January 3, Plaintiff handed to Defendant, and Defendant received as Agent for Plaintiff a collection of old coins (which had been entrusted to Plaintiff for sale) upon the following terms: (a) Defendant was to endeavour to sell the same at a price not less than \$2,500; (b) if the collection were not sold within three days it was to be returned to Plaintiff.

(4) Defendant negligently and in breach of his duty as agent: (a) without Plaintiff's authority broke up the collection; (b) without Plaintiff's authority gave possession of the collection or part thereof to other persons; (c) in the alternative, gave possession of the collection without obtaining from the person or persons any or any adequate security or guarantee for the return thereof; (d) sold part of the collection for a lower price than he was authorised to sell it.

Deprived of Use. Further, or in the alternative, Plaintiff on or about June 27 demanded of Defendant the return of the collection. On or about July 3, Defendant returned to Plaintiff part of the collection but refused to deliver to him 31 gold coins and 15 silver coins and thereby converted them to his own use and wrongfully deprived Plaintiff of same.

Plaintiff claimed \$2,500 damages. In evidence, Plaintiff stated that in 1937 a friend of his handed him a collection of coins with a view to these coins to the Defendant to sell for \$2,500. On January 3, 1939, Defendant gave him a receipt (produced) for the coins.

At this point, Mr d'Almada pointed out that there was an admission by Defendant on the receipt that the coins were valued at \$2,500.

Always Put Off

Continuing, Plaintiff stated that one of the terms upon which he handed those coins to Defendant was that if they were not sold within three days they were to be returned. After the three days were over he

Mr Armstrong stated that on June 27, Plaintiff called on him in connection with a collection of coins which he had handed to Defendant. He received instructions to write to Defendant and he did so that day. On June 29 Defendant called to see him and there was a fairly long interview and he dictated a memorandum of it through a dictaphone in the presence of Defendant.

After the memorandum had been produced, Mr Armstrong said that after that he received from the Defendant a box with a certain number of silver and copper coins. He had another interview with Defendant on July 8, and part of this was dictated by dictaphone and the second part was written out by himself.

At the end of Mr Armstrong's evidence, Mr d'Almada stated that his instructions were that part of the coins handed back was practically valueless.

Mr d'Almada submitted that under the circumstances there could be no question that the true value of the coins that the Plaintiff had been deprived of by a wrongful act of Defendant was \$2,500 which was acknowledged by Defendant in the receipt of January 3.

His Lordship gave judgment for Plaintiff for \$2,500 and costs, and also granted an application for an order for immediate execution.

Stiffening Production Of Priorities In U. S. A.

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Domel).—Mr Edwards R. Stettinius, Chairman and Director of the Priorities Board, has effected a broad revision of priority rules in a new regulation that American manufacturers must accept orders for war supplies for the United States, Great Britain, Soviet Union, China and certain other countries even though such acceptance may delay or prevent deliveries of civilian goods.

The regulation states that the defence orders include not only the United States Army, Navy and other defence agencies, but those of Britain, Belgium, China, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Yugoslavia but also Government orders for delivery and entry to any other country in the Western Hemisphere.

Hitherto if any manufacturer accepted an order which carried Government priority or preference rating, he was required to fill it ahead of other orders with lower rating. However, he was not compelled to accept the order if he did not so choose.

It is recalled that the requirement forcing a manufacturer to take orders was first included in the regulation placing pig iron under priority control, but it is now extended to all manufacturers, producers, distributors and dealers in the United States.

Other Provisions. Other major provisions of the revised priority system include, firstly, a method under which persons who are unable to obtain material with which to make defence goods may receive help from the Priorities Division in getting deliveries; secondly, the requirement that firms holding defence orders must schedule their production so that deliveries will be made on the dates required; thirdly, the subjecting of intra-company deliveries to another to the branch company to another to the company deliveries, and, fourthly, a prohibition against accumulating excess inventories.

Ship's Chain Lost

Mr Williams, Chief Officer of a British ship in Hongkong, reports the loss of 582 feet of one-inch chain, valued at £20, from the vessel yesterday.

He declined to speculate on the length of the war nor the winner.

He made no comment to a question regarding the "potential" Japanese threat against Singapore.

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ACTIVITY ON THREE CHINA FRONTS

CHUNGKING, Aug. 27 (Central News).—Sharp fighting is developing in Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhwei. A crack Chinese column forced an entry into Yuhang north of the Chientang River and 15 miles west of Hangchow on August 25, killing over 200 Japanese. The following morning they turned to attack the Japanese camp at Fenghuangshan southwest of Yuhang.

Another Chinese column meanwhile succeeded in breaking into Wukang, about 16 miles north of Yuhang, where they inflicted about 300 casualties upon the Japanese and captured considerable booty.

On the south bank of the Chientang River Chinese troops made successful attacks in the outskirts of Sihsien, opposing a Japanese advance.

A concerted drive was also launched by three Chinese columns on Shaoching, a wine-producing town about 35 miles southeast of Hangchow, at midnight on August 25.

Pekinguan, a town about 20 miles west of Shaoching, was the scene of severe fighting on August 25 when the Chinese made a determined attack. The Japanese set fire to rows of houses and retreated to the eastern part of the town where they were encircled and subjected to further assaults.

A fierce engagement took place simultaneously at Nanniao, south of Yuyao, as a result of a Chinese attack.

Several Chinese columns started a concerted drive toward Changling on the west shore of the Taihu Lake, about 60 miles northwest of Hangchow, on the night of August 25.

Under Heavy Bombing. A Chinese force broke into Kioochun, an important city on the Kiangsu-Anhui border, on the morning of August 26, and recaptured the city. Hundreds of Japanese casualties were inflicted. The Japanese withdrew to a point east of the city, where they made a stand and waited for reinforcements. At noon upon the arrival of reinforcements and a squadron of nine Japanese bombers, they launched a counter-attack. Over 100 high explosives were dropped on the city by the Japanese planes. But the Chinese held their ground and fought staunchly.

On the south bank of the Yangtze River in Anhwei, Chinese troops made an attack at Huangling, a point southeast of Tunglu, at midnight on August 23. While fighting was going on, the Chinese laid mines in their rear. Afterwards, they followed a retreat and the Japanese who gave pursuit were blasted by the mines.

Japanese Attack. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". HOPEH FRONT, Aug. 28 (Domel).—Closing up the southern side of the cordon stretched against the Communist forces in the Hopeh-Shensi border area, strong Japanese Army forces on August 23 launched a smashing campaign along the southern Hopeh boundary.

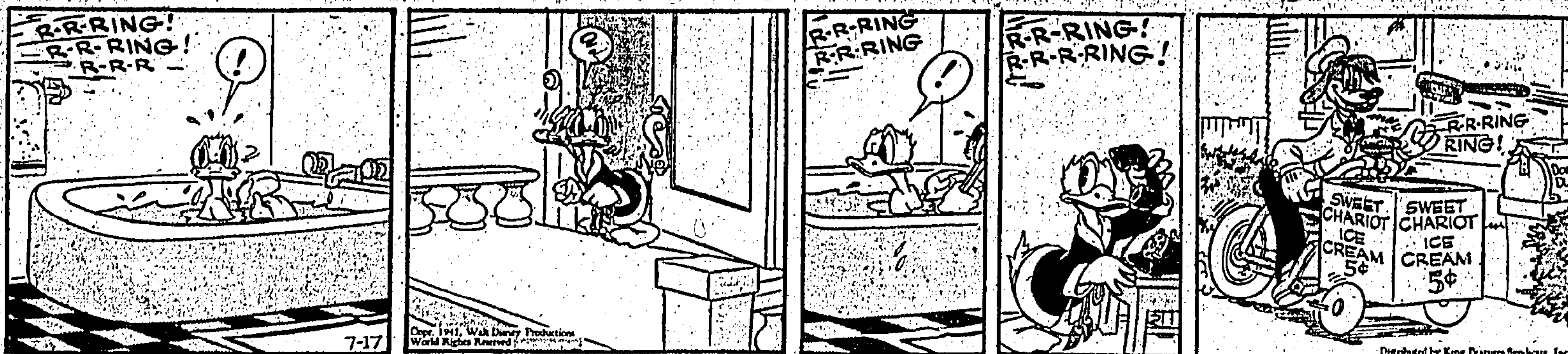
The most important enemy supply base in the area, Yangtshuen, 10 miles southwest of Yihslon, was reduced by the Japanese forces on August 25, while another Japanese detachment defeated Chinese forces retreating near Paipu and Shencheng, 20 miles southwest of Yihslon.

FOOCHOW. Aug. 28 (Reuter).—Japanese occupation forces are expected to be totally withdrawn within a week. Their ultimate destination is believed to be Indo-China for an offensive against Yunan Province, according to reports circulating in the city.

FOOCHOW. Aug. 28 (Reuter).—All Dominion Governments were kept informed of the progress of the talks between President Roosevelt and Mr Winston Churchill

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Inconsistency

LEADING against a slam is a pretty ticklish proposition; hence, with rare and obvious exceptions, a player cannot be blamed if his selection goes wrong. Once the dummy has appeared, however, the defence against a slam is easier than that against mere game contracts, and there is no excuse for such a play as West made in the following deal:

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

♠ K 7
♥ K 6 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ A J 10 5

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♠ A 8
♥ J 10 5 2
♦ 10
♣ K 7 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 3NT Pass
4♥ (1) Pass Pass Pass

As may be observed, South was anything but timid in his bidding. Having opened with a minimum heart bid, he later blithely accepted his partner's slam invitation.

West, after considerable thought, decided to open a low spade. Dummy ducked and East's queen lost to the ace. Declarer led a low heart to the king, West ducked, and a second round was led to the ten. West again held up, but took the third round, then, after much more quizzical brow-wrinkling (during which time East stared mournfully at his club queen) with the uneasy conviction that she would soon be torn from his grasp, con-

firmed East's gloomy forebodings by shifting to the singleton club. Declarer's vital club "guess" turned into a certainty, and after drawing West's last trump he spread his slam.

The inconsistency of West's play was in the fact that quite obviously, he changed his mind in midstream. Even though he had first round trump control he properly refused to open his singleton club, being afraid (as he explained later) that such a lead would give declarer a free finesse if East held a minor honor in the suit.

But, if the singleton club would have been a bad opening lead, what words can be found for the same lead after the dummy appeared? By that time West could see that declarer's opening heart bid and later slam bid had been based on the A-J of spades, the Q-J of hearts, and possibly the queen of diamonds. Surely, it was inconceivable that he could lack the club king.

Of course, declarer might have guessed the position of the club queen if left to his own devices, but poor East would gladly have taken his chances on that!

To-morrow's Hand

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 7 5 2
♥ 9 8
♦ K 6 4 2
♣ A K 7 4

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♠ A Q 10 7 5
♥ 4 2
♦ 9 8 3
♣ J 9

♠ J 9 4 3
♥ K Q 8 6 3
♦ 7
♣ Q 6 5

How should this hand be played at a four spade contract, with South the declarer? Opening lead heart ace.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1-Force (Latin)
2-General fire
3-Indian soldier
4-Collection of facts
5-Deadly
6-Old woman
7-Companion
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"Telegraph" Film Serial RAGE IN HEAVEN

By James Hilton

author of "Goodbye, Mr Chips" and "Lost Horizon"

The Story So Far:

Seemingly normal, intelligent and attractive Philip Monrell has married Stella Bergen, a beautiful refugee who has been a companion to his mother. They are happy but the erratic, morbid side of Philip's nature develops more and more. He secretly kills Stella's pet kitten because his friend, Ward Andrews, has given it to her. He becomes obsessed by the notion that she and Ward are in love. As head of a steel works he antagonizes the men and almost causes a riot. Then, one day, nearly crazed, he tries to push Ward into a steel furnace. That night, Ward confronts him with it. They quarrel and Ward leaves to go to London. Philip has won but at the same time he feels that he has really lost Stella.



"Not that I'm expecting burglars," said Philip.
"But you never know. Everybody has some enemies, haven't they?"

floor. Then he staggered backwards a few steps as if measuring how far a body would fall. After that he polished the knife with his handkerchief until blade and handle shone. Then he replaced it in the door crack and tied it to the bell rope in such a way that it seemed as if the knife handle were the bell handle.

His next step was to spray the grass—between the French windows of the drawing room and the garage. The earth was soon soaking wet. It would take footprints easily.

HE WAS QUITE READY for Ward when the latter arrived and gracefully went out to meet him, leading him over the moist garden into the library. Then he brought out some scotch and soda. "Oh," he said suddenly, "would you mind ringing for some ice? The bell's right over your head."

Ward obliged but suddenly Philip laughed. "How stupid of me. There's no one at home. I sent Clark into Chasingford. Never mind. I suppose we can do without it."

Now Philip began to talk gaily, feverishly, about everything under the sun. His eye was on the clock however.

But finally Ward cut in brusquely. "I haven't much time, Philip. Hadn't we better get down to business? You said that you'd like to talk over arrangements for the divorce."

There was a sound from outside. Philip had been waiting for it. That was Clark returning. Now, all at once, he raised his voice sharply. "Ward, I should have thrown you out of the house long ago—when you were cheating me and lying behind my back. Yes, let's drop the pretence. I thought you were my friend and you stole my wife. I picked her out of the gutter, and she threw herself at the first man she met." He was pounding on the desk in rage.

"If you don't stop," Ward shouted back, "I'll break your neck. Leave Stella out of this. She's left you and that's that."

But, all at once, Philip was calm. "Ward I'm sorry," he said with the deepest sincerity. He was satisfied now. Clark must have heard the noise of the quarrel. When I'm upset, I say horrible things. Yes, I'll give her the divorce. Please go now."

Bewildered, Ward stared at him. "You know Philip old boy, you really ought to take a hold of yourself. You ought to get away from this house for awhile."

Philip smiled quietly and held out his hand. "I'm going to. And

Ward—please don't think badly of me. Whatever I've done, whatever I may do, you and Stella are the two people I've loved most in the world."

Deeply moved, Ward gripped his hand. Then he turned and left.

THAT NIGHT a high wind was blowing when Clark walked into the library. The French windows were open. A dim light was burning. Then suddenly the old man uttered a cry and started back in horror.

Philip Monrell was lying on the floor dead, a hunting knife embedded in his heart!

The arrest and trial of Philip Monrell's suspected murderer was swift and dramatic. There seemed to be no question of it. Ward Andrews had killed his best friend. Standing there in the courtroom, Stella watched Ward, erect and pale in the prisoner's dock, listening to the evidence against him. His footprints had been found in the garden. His fingerprints were on the knife. Clark, the butler, had heard his master's voice his fear against "enemies." And later there had been the violent quarrel between the two men.

The Solicitor General faced the jury. "Gentlemen, you have only to ask yourselves one question. Did Ward Andrews kill Philip Monrell? If the answer to that question is 'Yes' then you are bound to return against the prisoner the verdict of GUILTY OF WILFUL MURDER."

FOR LONG MOMENTS, Stella sat there with her head buried in her hands. She dared not look up when the jury filed back, when the foreman rose. "Guilty sir," said the foreman in answer to the Court Clerk's query, and it was like a death-knell in her heart.

Outside, she was given a few tense moments with Ward. "Darling," she begged, "don't give up hope. We're going to fight, this thing. We'll appeal. I've been talking to your counsel. He's sure we've got a good chance—if—" She hesitated.

Ward looked at her closely. "If what?"

Her voice was low. "If only you'll plead self-defence."

"I see." His smile was strange. "At last I'm to admit what everybody believes. You believe it too, Stella, don't you?" Her face was averted. "Don't say anything darling," because, well, you see, Philip's got us just where he wanted us."

(To be concluded to-morrow.)



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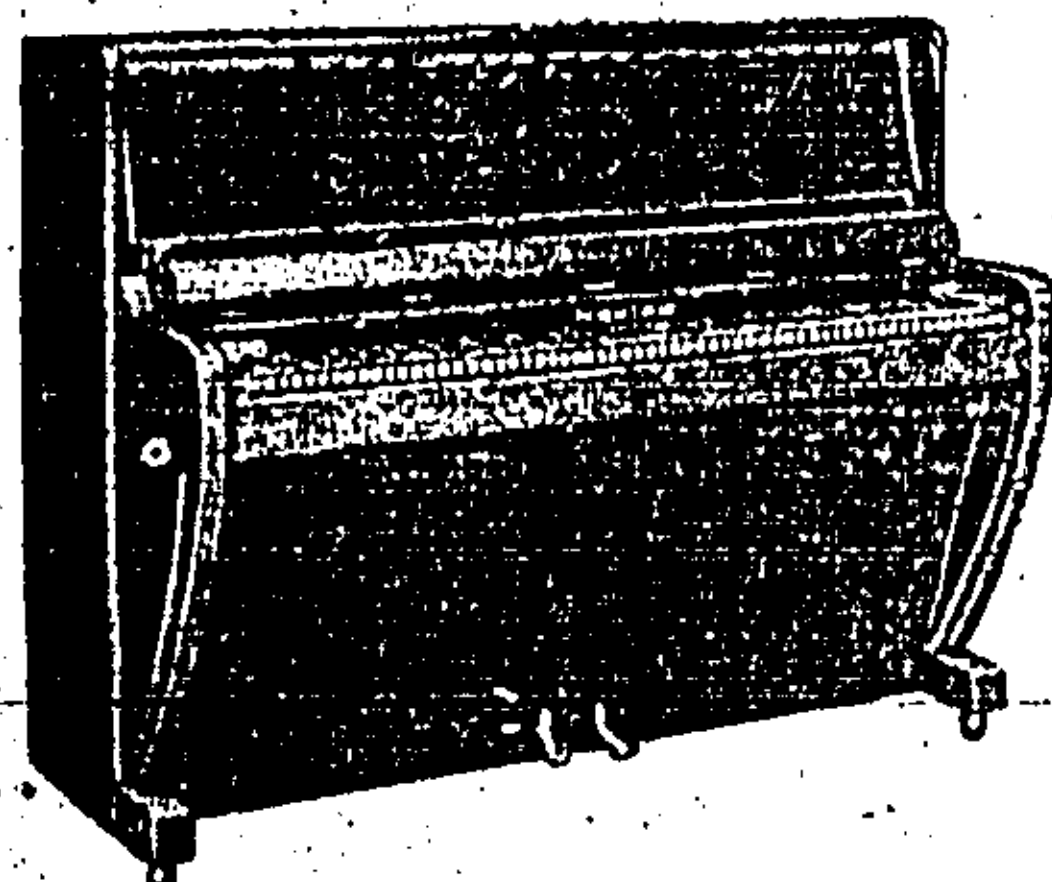
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"Hawkins, did Lord Henry empty crême de menthe amongst my goldfish in the course of last night's party?"

"Not to my knowledge, Sir. There was no crême de menthe to empty."

"Then I must have dreamt it. A vivid dream, Hawkins, because their noses all turned red."

"Undoubtedly a dream, Sir, since I took the precaution of evacuating the bowl to my pantry when Lord Henry began to sing."

"Very wise of you, Hawkins."

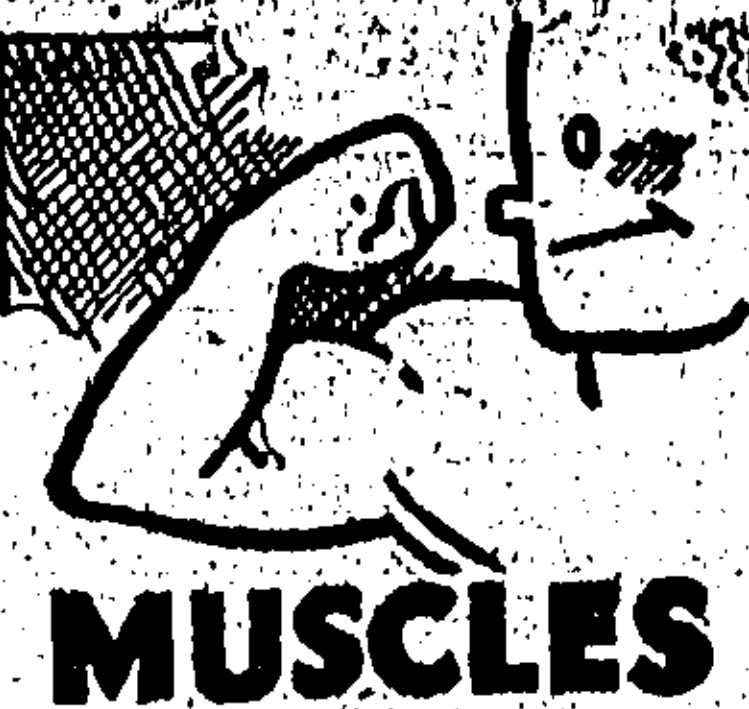
Were many glasses broken?"

"None, Sir."

"No casualties to any of the guests?"

"No, Sir. And judging from the amount of Rose's consumed, there will be no headaches this morning either. We got through six and a half bottles of Rose's Lime Juice."

"Well, it's all in a good cause. And now, get me a really big breakfast. And give the goldfish a double ration of ants' eggs, just to celebrate their hairbreadth escape."



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TIME TO ATTACK?

IT would appear to an amateur student of strategy that the development of the war has opened great possibilities to the Imperial command. At home we have now an army that must be the best in the world after a summer of strenuous training with the best weapons and with a backbone of veterans of several hard-fought though unsuccessful campaigns in France, Norway and elsewhere. Our production has had relief from continuous bombing and has made great progress. With such forces it is certain that we can hold freedom's most important citadel from any invading forces that Hitler can produce within the next twelve months. The question for our command to consider is whether the British Garrison should be kept at home or used to invade the continent.

The number of planes we can afford to send over Germany these days and nights would indicate that we have sufficient to lead, protect and consolidate an invasion force across the Channel especially as the distance is short enough to maintain a constant aerial service. With the Channel blocked at both ends, parachute troops could be dropped fifty miles behind the French coast to tackle the enemy held ports while naval and air protected transports laid siege from the opposite face. Once paths to the principal ports were laid clear a dozen self-contained armies could cut right across to Switzerland. When the success of a north to south corridor had been determined, the risk of further depleting Britain's garrison could be taken and the thousands of trained men who had been prepared for invasion as well as defence could be released from that zone to free all France of the Nazi troops.

The further question then arises whether to sustain the offensive and press on through the lowlands into Germany or south into Italy or to consolidate our position. The present tendency is all against permanent defence but we should need terrific strength and we must have a powerful dose of the blitz ready in order to crush the enemy in this one great blow. Russia has struck a great blow at Germany's strength and we certainly shall not give her the opportunity of recuperating it and when she calls halt on the eastern front.

In considering this offensive we cannot afford to take too much notice of Japan. We have offered legitimate conciliation and we have laid our plans if this fails. We cannot expect to win all along the line immediately and we are no doubt prepared to suffer temporary reverses to achieve our main object. It will give every Allied subject a thrill to consider how near must be the day when the fortunes of war will turn.

Germany's Major Blunder

By Victor Gordon Lennox

Diplomatic Correspondent, London "Daily Telegraph"

For twenty-two months the pendulum of war fortunes has swung steadily in favour of aggressor Germany. To-day we see Germany labouring in the coils of her first major miscalculation or blunder. The German armies were to have been in Moscow within eight days—some say ten.

By now Russian organised resistance was to have crumbled, revolution broken out, a Quisling Government installed in the Kremlin and the scene was to have been set for presentation to Britain—and the world—of the Nazi New Order peace programme. But Hitler is still far from the objectives which his armies were to have taken, while the United States, recovered from the first shock of finding Russia and Britain fighting on the same side, is accelerating its progression from non-belligerency to para-belligerency. That is precisely what Hitler schemed to anticipate. If he realises that he is in danger of losing what he may expect to see the most reckless employment of his available forces in a frenzied endeavour to catch up with the original programme.



Because Russia is opposing a stubborn resistance to the enemy and hitherto has prevented him from gaining his objectives we must not lightly assume that the outcome is a foregone conclusion. No such easy optimism is to be found in Moscow.

In London we are aware that the Soviet leaders are fully conscious of the great weight of pressure which the German forces can bring to bear on the whole length of this tremendous front. At the present time the most dangerous thrust is that directed against Leningrad. In these circumstances it is understandable that the Russian military mission in London is asking for all measures of aid and distraction which Britain can provide. Moscow probably recognises that these must primarily be confined to air operations with possible naval diversions and consolidation of the British positions in theatres not yet wholly satisfactory. Such would be the situation in Libya—incidentally the one area where additional tanks might be employed with advantage by British forces.



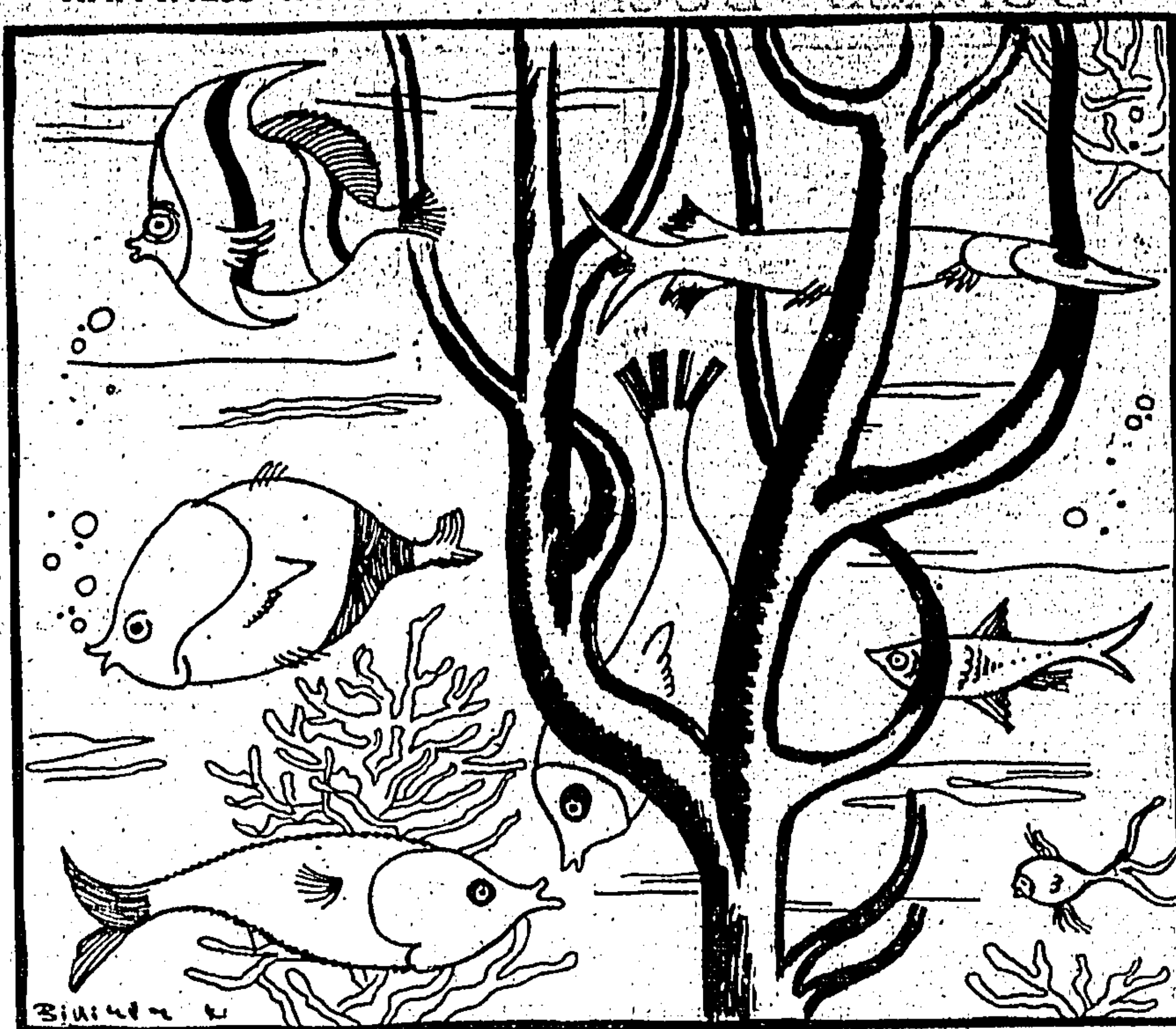
Meantime Britain will be doing everything possible to collaborate with the United States in securing the outer defences of the American Continent. In Washington it seems to be well-believed that bases for the use of American ships and aircraft are now available in Northern Ireland. They will be of great value to United States ships carrying supplies to Iceland and to American war vessels patrolling the sea lanes along which supplies for Britain can be carried.

At present one does not know what further outposts President Roosevelt and his Ministers wish to establish in the Central and Southern Atlantic areas. Unfortunately, although Portugal is Britain's oldest ally, Dr Salazar, her all-powerful Premier, has no liking for the idea of leasing or landing bases to the United States or permitting the Portuguese Atlantic islands to pass under American protection. Indeed, the Portuguese Government, still fearful lest the German military machine may one day be launched against the Iberian Peninsula, seems determined to establish itself and its armed forces in those island areas.

In these directions we may look for a careful diplomatic approach from Washington and London, one which will pay due regard to the repercussions on opinion in certain of the Latin American states.

HAPPINESS IN THE BALTIC

By Billiken



"We are lucky! I've heard that the Nazis are preparing more convoys."

Japan's Dilemma

By LORD STRABOLGI

The Japanese Government is in the difficult position of being a member of the Axis group and under obligation to Germany and Italy to help them in the event of another Great Power entering the war. Russia is now in the war, and this condition might therefore be supposed to have been fulfilled by the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia. On the other hand Japan has a recent treaty of neutrality and non-aggression with Russia. If the Government in Tokyo desired to escape from this dilemma and to remain neutral, it could, no doubt, be argued that Germany had made the first hostile move against Russia and that Japan has not been consulted beforehand.

The Japanese Government still clings to the tradition of observing international law and not engaging in unprovoked aggression on the German model. We see evidence of this in the fiction that the Sino-Japanese conflict is not a war, but an "incident." Nevertheless, if the Japanese Government decided that it was in the ultimate interest of the nation to intervene, reasons and excuses would be forthcoming.

Tokyo Should Realise

The statesmen in Tokyo have, nevertheless, to remember that no great economic advantages would follow from a joint Axis victory over Russia. The northern half of the island of Sakhalin and the Maritime Province of Siberia, which would be Japan's share of the spoils, are not particularly valuable. True, there are fishing and mining rights of some value to be acquired, but the Maritime Province has a severe climate and Japanese settlers do not thrive in cold weather countries. This has been shown already in Manchukuo, where the Japanese manage to live as officials and traders but have made no headway as farmers. The attractive prizes in the Pacific lie to the south, and here the Dutch East Indies are the great reward.

Here is the oil, rubber and other tropical products which Japan needs, and a ready-made market for her manufactured goods. Japanese activity in French Indo-China and Siam (Thailand), the important but abortive economic negotiations undertaken with the Government of the Dutch East Indies, and other activities are all evidence of a Japanese move to the south. The Government in Tokyo must decide whether it will attack Russia in the north or open up a campaign to the south. The latter would entail a great expedition for the investment and siege of Singapore and the territory surrounding it. It is quite certain that Japan would have to beat the British Empire in this vast area before serious headway could be made against the Dutch East Indies.

It is absolutely certain beyond any doubt that any Japanese movement of hostility against the Dutch East Indies would automatically involve her in war with the whole British Empire.

The governments of Britain, Australia and New Zealand could never allow the Japanese to establish themselves in the Dutch East Indies, if for no other reason than that a successful Japanese lodgment in this chain of rich islands would be regarded as a preliminary to attacks in the future on both Australia and Burma and possibly India.

Lack of Resources

Another certain factor in the situation is that Japan's resources would not permit her to engage in a first-class campaign against Russia in the East simultaneously with a great drive to the south against the Malay archipelago and the Dutch Islands. It is known that the Japanese Mercantile Marine is barely sufficient for Japan's present commitments. In 1939 the Japanese Merchant Navy numbered 2,337 vessels, of 5,629,845 tons. New ships have been built since the outbreak of the present war, and a number have been lost by German submarine attack and other warlike actions. On balance, it is doubtful if the Japanese Mercantile Marine totals more than 6,000,000 tons. A great part of it is engaged in supplying the immense armies on the mainland of China. The remainder is fully employed in carrying Japanese exports which must be sold abroad if the economy of the nation is not to be crippled and in importing the petroleum, iron ore, rubber, cotton, wool, and other products in which Japan herself is deficient and which are necessary for her present war effort against China and for her own industries.

An additional war would place the utmost strain on Japan's Mercantile Marine, and two additional wars would create an impossible situation.

Attack on Russia

Now if the Government of Tokyo decides to attack Russia, it must reckon on the British Empire immediately declaring war on Japan. This decision would be taken both on political and strategic grounds. It is in the highest interests of the British Empire that Russian resistance to the German armies should be successful and, in any case, prolonged. For the sake of public opinion in Russia it is necessary that all available aid should be given, and a Japanese attack would have to be the signal for British counter-attack against the new aggressor.

Which ever war Japan decided upon, she would immediately lose her seaborne trade outside the northern Pacific. Japanese commerce with the rest of the world must pass to the westward either through the Straits of Malacca, which are dominated by the fortress of Singapore, or through the Torres Straits to the north of Australia. How ever successful the Japanese war operations against Singapore they would be long drawn

out and, in the meantime, all vessels flying the Japanese flag would be liable to capture. Japanese trade to the eastward either through the Panama Canal or round Cape Horn, would be at the mercy of the British Navy.

I am leaving out of account any possible action by the United States of America. The American Government has declared that it will not tolerate any alterations in the status quo with regard to the Dutch East Indies. Even if the Japanese left the Dutch East Indies alone for the time being, the Government in Tokyo could reckon as a certainty on the cutting off of all supplies from the U.S.A.

As the Dutch oil supplies would also be cut off Japan would have to live on her reserves of petroleum.

Southern Venture

In the event of the decision being taken to concentrate on war to the south, that is against the British Empire, the Japanese Government would have to anticipate the Russians intervening on the side of Britain, thus presenting Japan with a war on three fronts. It is known that the Russian military and naval forces in Siberia are independently organised and commanded and self-contained, and that there is a large force of long-range bombers stationed in the Maritime Province. From there, these bombers could attack the crowded and vulnerable Japanese cities. Russia also has numerous fleets of submarines, of which the Vladivostok fleet could do considerable damage in the Sea of Japan and which might interfere with supply ships and troopships serving the needs of the Japanese armies in China.

Japan has a great asset in her Navy, the third largest in the world. It consists of ten super-dreadnought battleships, two of which are just completed and are as powerful as any in the world. These are supported by two brand-new smaller battleships of the pocket battleship type, six aircraft-carriers, of which two are quite new, eight heavy cruisers, thirty light cruisers, about a hundred good destroyers and fifty to sixty submarines. Nevertheless, the situation of the German and Italian Navies is such that considerable British reinforcements could be sent to the Pacific and there would always be the nightmare of the intervention of the United States of America with an even more powerful Fleet in the highest state of efficiency and preparedness.

Major Struggle

Lastly, to add to the difficulties of Japan's decision, is uncertainty about the outcome of the major struggle in Eastern Europe between the German and Russian armies. However the developments, the Russians have succeeded in resisting the greatest blitzkrieg the German High Command has yet undertaken and there is evidence that Germany's difficulties are increasing. The political side of the blitzkrieg has failed, firstly because the anti-putting uprising amongst the neutrals and even the belligerents against Communism has not materialised, and secondly because the Russian masses show no signs of disunity or revolt. The statements in Tokyo must consider the danger of the ruinous step of coming in on the losing side.

The peace party in Tokyo will, in any case, be strengthened by the signing of the Anglo-Russian Military Pact. The German propaganda had been active in Tokyo at this time, in suggesting that Great Britain would seek a favourable opportunity for negotiating a separate peace with the Government of Berlin and allowing Germany and Russia to fight it out alone. It is now clear to all observers that this was never any such intention in London, and that the British and Russian Peoples will continue in military partnership to the end.

Enemy Strongholds In Mid. East Battered

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Libya.—Several targets in Cirenaica and Tripolitania were attacked on the night of August 25-26. Tripoli harbour and dumps near the town were again heavily bombed. A particularly violent explosion was seen to hurl masses of debris high into the air and was followed by a bright fire and a number of other fires were started near the fort and power station.

At Benghazi several bombs were dropped on railway sidings and an enemy encampment. The same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the harbour of Bardia and obtained direct hits on ships and started fires among petrol dumps.

Bombers of the South African Air Force bombed and heavily damaged concentration of enemy mechanical transport vehicles near Resuenn yesterday.

Mediterranean.—Medium bombers of the R.A.F. attacked enemy ships in the Central Mediterranean yesterday. Direct hits of heavy bombs were obtained on one vessel and another ship was hit and left sinking.

Malta Defended.
A number of Macchi 200s which approached Malta yesterday evening were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and chased back to Sicily, where three of them were shot down, one falling in a village.

Several other enemy fighters were badly damaged.

Cyprus.—R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down one Savoia-89 off Famagusta yesterday.

Abyssinia.—Enemy positions at Wolchoft and Gondar were bombed and machine-gunned yesterday by aircraft of the R.A.F. and S.A.A.F.

From all these operations three of our aircraft are missing.

POPULATION OF INDIA

Substantially Below 400,000,000

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The preliminary census returns for India's populations taken early this year disclose an increase of 46,000,000 over the figure for 1931 and possibly an actual increase of approximately 60,000,000.

Although generally it is unofficially assumed that India's population numbers 400,000,000, the census reveals 389,000,000. The 1931 census gave 353,000,000 but this included Burma with about 14,500,000.

U.S. Army Units At Exercise

TACOMA, Washington, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—United States Army units participating in the Pacific north-west maneuvers are "far ahead" of any divisions sent to France in the last war declared Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War, at a Press conference to-day.

Mr. Stimson was an artillery colonel in France during the last war. He said that General George Marshall, the United States Chief of Staff, expressed approval of the military training which the troops in the far west are receiving.

General Marshall declared that the army could not be caught unprepared if it was suddenly called upon to expand again. "Sites are being selected and preliminary surveys are being made for 20 more cantonments. If the need arises, we will be in a position to start building immediately."

Nazi Plane Crashes In Eire

Damaged By RAF

LONDON, Aug. 27 (British Wireless).—A JU-88, which crashed in Eire yesterday, is an example of what must frequently happen to raiders over this country which are only claimed as "damaged."

Two fighter pilots intercepted a JU-88 in St. George's Channel late yesterday afternoon and attacked at once. On their return to their station, they reported, it was only damaged.

Later news came that the plane had crashed in Eire. A comparison of the times and other details leave little doubt that it was the same aircraft.

H.K. People Were Aboard The Zamzam; Are Now Prisoners

News has just reached the Colony that among the passengers of the liner, Zamzam, which was shelled and sunk by a Nazi raider in the South Atlantic in April, were two former residents of Hongkong, Dr. Robert Stirling, formerly of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., and his wife.

Dr. Stirling, who was in charge of the Electric Company's Stores Department at North Point for many years, resigned in December 1938 and proceeded to Chicago to take a course in chiropractic. It is believed that he was on his way to South Africa to set up practice there when the Zamzam was attacked. Dr. Stirling was wounded as he was leaving his cabin. Mrs. Stirling, who is also well known in Hongkong, is believed to have been rescued by a German raider, and is now being held in a boat off her husband's ship. Three men are believed to have been rescued by the ship.

Leningrad Proudly Conscious Of What The World Expects

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Aug. 27.—People who have arrived here from Leningrad have described the city's tense and heroic atmosphere. Every house is like a fortress. Throughout the day and night, fire-watchers are on every roof. Factories are working at a greater tempo than ever before.

Women have in many cases replaced men gone to the front and the city is working with the slogan, "All for the front, All for Victory." The appearance of the streets has changed. Shop-windows are sand-bagged and boarded up.

Anti-Nazism In France Hardening

Sabotage Continues

ZURICH, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—"The situation in Occupied France has grown dramatically acute in the last few weeks," says the Basle newspaper "National Zeitung."
"Anti-German demonstrations are called anti-Communist demonstrations by the occupying authorities and the French police. There have been acts of sabotage against traffic and railways, the murder of a German officer, the mass arrests of thousands of alleged Communists, the establishment of special tribunals by the French Government, German military commanders' threats to shoot hostages should fresh sabotage occur—the mere enumeration of these incidents provides speaking evidence of the state of tension that has been reached."

"It has become the central problem of French internal politics but it has its roots above all in external politics."

Communist Activity

"Commenting on increased Communist activity due to the outbreak of war with Russia, the article continues: 'The Communists used the war period in the first year after the armistice to build up a well-organized illegal organization, the nucleus of which has not been reached by any police action.' The writer ascribes this to the inefficiency of French police measures compared with the 'refined individualised methods' of the Germans."

The paper comments that the mass nature of the arrests in Paris is one to believe that Paris is attempting to give the Germans proof of their energy rather than to follow any definite purpose. Referring to the appeal by General von Suedpenn, Commander-in-Chief of the army in France which put Germanophobia on the same footing as Communism, the paper says: "It is an old trick to call any opposition Communist. At present in Occupied France practically all supporters of the national resistance idea, those not yet reconciled to defeat and those who oppose any form of the victor Power, are regarded as Communists."

Threat Against Hostages

Adding that this applies in the widest sense to the threat to those hostages, the paper draws attention to the "highly interesting sentence" in a German public notice which illustrates the close collaboration between the German and the French authorities. The notice mentions "Not only prisoners in the hands of the German military authorities but also those placed in the hands of the German police... This can only mean that prisoners in the hands of the French police are regarded by the Germans as hostages and will be shot if sabotage continues. But the most that can be obtained by this means is fear and obedience but never love."

No Friendly Relations

"The Germans have little hope left of creating really friendly relations between the two peoples. Readiness to collaborate with Germany is restricted to a small upper class but is rejected by the people. Germany is certainly strong enough to repress France, however muttering and hostile, just as it can deal with parallel phenomena in Norway, Holland and Serbia. But the hopes held in a few German circles that the French might be made allies appear hardly capable of fulfilment at a time when the shooting of hostages is threatened."

Communists Blamed

VICHY, Aug. 27 (UP).—Conte de Brion as the Government's Press delegate has announced that the policy has been decided to create troubles between the civil population and the German occupation forces, including a series of planned assassinations. They blamed the former Communist leaders for all sabotage and recent killings.

Conte de Brion stated, "Seven acts of sabotage have been committed against the railways in addition to the murder of a German officer during three terrorist demonstrations in Paris. All these incidents were of Communist origin and will be punished with maximum penalties." It is learned that three more minor railway wrecks by sabotage in the Paris region occurred before the Chamberlain reprisal threat. In each case bolts were removed from the rails, and several cars were derailed halting traffic until it could be re-routed.

DUKE OF KENT AT HAMILTON

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Duke of Kent, on arrival at Hamilton, was greeted by civic, Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Air Force officials.

He was escorted along streets lined by Army and Air Force Highlanders and his procession was headed by a detachment of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel. The Duke visited a factory of the Canadian Westinghouse Company and inspected its munitions section after which he attended the Royal Canadian Air Force School at Mount Hope.

Troops with bands playing march to the front. Red Cross nurses wearing blue overalls are seen everywhere. The city will clearly be defended by the most modern methods. Anti-aircraft batteries in and around Leningrad are as active and well-equipped as Moscow's and the Germans have already suffered enormous losses—101 planes in the last two days.

The general outlook has unquestionably improved in recent days. The German advance on Leningrad continues but slowly owing to the violent resistance put up for every inch of ground by the Russian troops, inspired by Leningrad's determination to defend itself to the last and accept the German challenge with Leningraders' innate pride.

Personal Honour

The eyes of the whole Soviet Union are fixed on Leningrad and the town's defence becomes somehow for every man a question of personal honour.

Leningrad's biggest problem is to maintain communications and supplies with Moscow and Volodga from the east. Indications are that the Germans are for the present moving up along the difficult and comparatively inaccessible country between Novgorod and Leningrad and not venturing too close to the Moscow-Leningrad Railway with the Moscow base still comparatively close to their present whereabouts.

They may not attempt to cut the railway until they are very much nearer to Leningrad.

Rainy Weather

For moving heavy equipment, conditions are becoming extremely unfavourable for the Germans, especially if the rainy weather continues and increases the precariousness of the long lines of communication.

There is a growing feeling in Moscow that Marshal Voroshilov's proud prophecy that Leningrad will never fall into Fascist hands is not a vain boast but may be the prelude to one of this war's most glorious episodes.

Both on account of the number of men and equipment in Leningrad, it will be difficult for the Germans to bring up adequate forces over long distances to smash Leningrad's defence.

Russian Hopes

LENNINGRAD, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The impression is given that the big German drive which started over a fortnight ago is exhausting itself and that it will take time before another is ready—and time works against the Germans, especially in the north and central sectors.

The Germans have certainly not succeeded in crossing the lower Dnieper and they are stuck there. What is equally important is that the aim of the anti-Ukrainian, pioneer movement from the Russian side which the Germans hoped to have penetrated Briansk, Kharkov and the Don Basin has been effectively snuffed out by the Russians, by what appears to be the war's most effective counter-offensive in the Gornel area.

The capture of Dnepropetrovsk is not confirmed by the Russians. Failure of the drive against Kiev is manifest—the Germans got an enormous licking again there a few days ago—and the defence of Odessa, the Black Sea's "super Tobruk," continues effectively and promises to be a constant thorn in the side of the occupiers of the Western Ukraine.

ADVENTURES OF SOLDIERS WITH ROYAL NAVY

LONDON, Aug. 27 (British Wireless).—An adventurous voyage to England from Gibraltar by two Royal Canadian engineers, Lieutenant Ames and Sapper Ross, who left Gibraltar in a warship, has just been told.

After some days at sea their ship was ordered to join the chase for the Bismarck and Lieut Ames spent 16 hours in the water following the operation from start to finish. Then instead of going on to England, the warship started on a hunt for German supply ships, during which hunt the Canadian officer was in charge of two anti-aircraft guns.

After some success they put in at a West African port where British Colonial officials welcomed the first Canadians they had seen there and Ross made friends with Free French soldiers.

Eventually another destroyer came to the port and in this they sailed to another port where they joined a ship in convoy. The convoy was attacked by German submarines but after a heated battle, warships drove them off without British losses. The ship eventually landed them back at Gibraltar from which they had started off five weeks before.

Shortly after, the Canadians boarded the ship which brought back the British Embassy staff from Yugoslavia. Despite an attack by German aircraft, they eventually arrived safely in England, having travelled 10,000 instead of the usual 1,000 miles.

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Government of India have announced that owing to a severe shortage of supplies, no iron and steel will be available for the construction of buildings, the erection of bridges and the construction of public buildings and places of amusement.

N. E. I. Native Conscripts In Arms In Sept.

BATAVIA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced to-day that necessary steps for putting into effect the law for native conscription recently passed by the N.E.I. Weapons Convention have been carried out so smoothly and rapidly that the native conscripts will be called to arms as early as September 25.

Home Guards will be organised in Sumatra, according to a scheme already operating in Java. The N.E.I. Government have moreover adopted preliminary measures whereby all persons "of no nationality" between the ages of 16 and 60 residing in the N.E.I. or employed on N.E.I. ships or ships belonging to the N.E.I. will be liable to compulsory civil defence work.

Exports Last Year

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The United States took first place in exports to the Netherlands East Indies in 1940, according to the Chairman of the Council of the British Chamber of Commerce for the N.E.I. to-day. Japan retained second place; Holland took third and Britain went from fifth to fourth place.

Germany fell from fourth to eighth place, shipping goods to the value of some 9,000,000 guilders.

Raffle Prizes Unclaimed

Will Be Auctioned

At a meeting of The Hongkong War Effort Committee held last night, a report was received from Messrs Linstead & Davis, supervisors of the Bomber Raffle held early in April, 1941, giving a list of the unclaimed prizes. These amount to approximately \$50,000 in value, covering 50 items.

The majority of the prizes, which include silverware, wines and spirits, open orders on local firms to the value of \$100 each, watches, jewellery etc., are now in the possession of the committee, and it was decided at last night's meeting that as suitable opportunities occur, the prizes will be offered for sale by auction at various public functions, the proceeds to go to the Bomber Fund.

Six firms have sent cheques to the committee in lieu of the prizes donated, and the sum of \$354 received from these sources is being paid to the Bomber Fund.

New Zealand Mechanisation

WELLINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—The Defence Minister, Mr. Jones, announced to-day the proposed formation of a New Zealand Army tank brigade for overseas and the establishment of an armoured vehicles fighting school.

Experienced personnel returning from overseas and officers are being lent by the British War Office to act as instructors. The training of the Brigade, starting soon, will be continued in an advanced form when the Brigade joins the Expeditionary Force. Three of the officers will be officers of the Royal Armoured Corps.

TURKO-GERMAN TRADE BESTED

LONDON, Aug. 27 (British Wireless).—The latest authoritative information about Anglo-Turkish trade indicates that Britain has definitely replaced Germany as Turkey's most important trade partner.

The Germans have, of course, been making great efforts to further their trade with Turkey and to secure economic penetration to influence that country as they did the Balkans but in this case they have failed.

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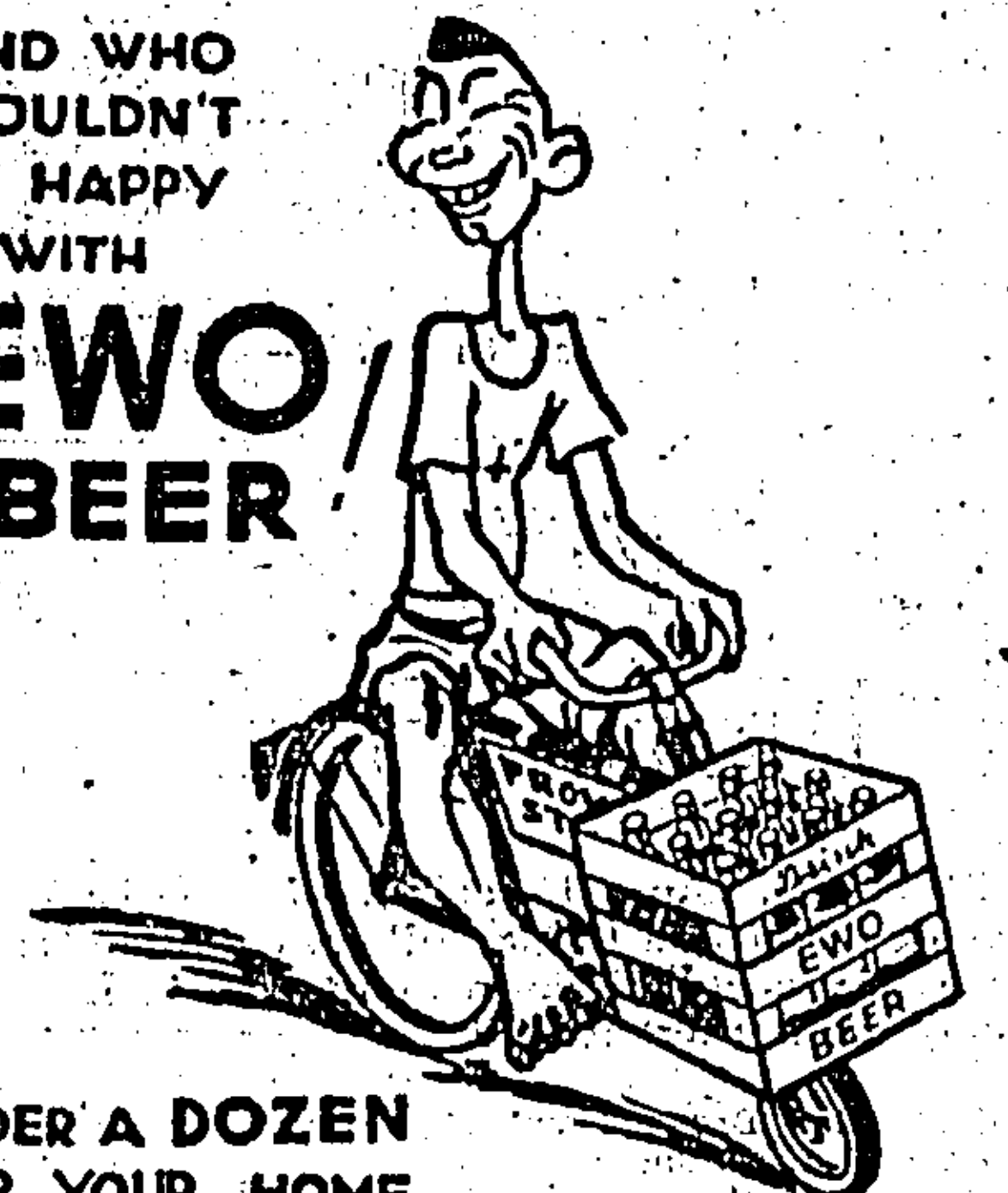
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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Craigengower Nearly Beaten On Home Ground



Nip Lum, sliding home, just manages to make the plate. Tony Mascavage has the ball.—Ming Yuen.

Louis Will Join Army If Nova Beats Him

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (UP).—Promoter Mike Jacobs today revealed that Joe Louis will join the United States Army if he loses his world's heavyweight title to Lou Nova in their return bout on September 19.

He said that the "Brown Bomber" would engage in recruiting work or act as boxing instructor if he joins the Army.

The negro fighter, Jacobs added, would take a chance on obtaining a furlough which would permit him to attempt to regain the title next June. This return match was specified in the contract Nova signed.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN WON BY GUS LESNEVICH

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (UP).—Gus Lesnevich secured a close decision over Tami Mauriello last night, winning the world's light heavyweight title.

The decision was not unanimous; the two judges voted for Lesnevich and the referee, Eddie Joseph, for Mauriello.

Mike Jacobs, promoter, announced that a return match would be held.

Soccer Lecture To-day

The fourth lecture of the series on Soccer Laws, dealing with Law No. 11, the Offside, will be delivered by Staff Sergeant W. H. Foster, Army Representative of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association, to-day at 7 p.m. at Scandal Point Hall.

As this is a very complicated law requiring plenty of explanations in order to be understood, it is hoped that all candidates will make it a point to be present.

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Swimming

THREAT TO COLONY SPRINT TITLE

Tsui Hang Equals Record

TSUI HANG, who attained prominence at the Combined Gala a few weeks back by beating David Hutchinson in the 100 yards sprint, established himself as a threat to the Colony sprint title last night at a friendly gala between Eastern and Ching Wing, covering the 50 yards in 24.8 secs and equalling the Colony record.

This was the only outstanding time of the evening, and on the whole, Eastern beat Ching Wing by 15 points to 12.

Results were:
Members 100 yards free-style.—Tam Sik-man, Wong Ka-po, Mak Wai-hung. Time 70.2 secs.
50 yards free-style.—Tsui Hang (Eastern), Law Yuk-wing (Ching Wing), Chan King-kong. Time 24.8 secs.
Women's 100 yards breast-stroke.—Ng Shu-lin (Eastern), Shum Wai-yung (Eastern), Chan Mei-cheung (Ching Wing). Time 2 mins 40 secs.
120 yards medley relay.—Eastern, Ching Wing. Time 1 min. 54 secs.
Women's 50 yards free-style.—Ng Po-hing (Eastern), Shum Put (Eastern), Chan Choy-na (Ching Wing). Time 25.0 secs.
220 yards breast-stroke.—Tsui Hang (Ching Wing), Wong Lok-lin (Eastern), Wong Ka-ming (Eastern). Time 2 mins 40 secs.
100 yards back-stroke.—Yeung Yiu-kwan (Ching Wing), Wong Shau-shan (Eastern), Jovok Chiu-hang (Eastern). Time 1 min. 17 secs.
220 yards free-style.—Tam Yuk-mong (Eastern), Yu Sik-kwan (Ching Wing), Fung Wai-cheung (Ching Wing). Time 2 mins 52 secs.
Members 50 yards back-stroke.—Mak Wai-hung. Time 40 secs.

V.R.C. Heats

HEATS for the V.R.C. Members' Gala on Wednesday next were held at the V.R.C. last night and resulted as follows:

Boys' 100 yards free-style: 1st Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 2nd Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 3rd Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 4th Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 5th Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 6th Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 7th Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 8th Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 9th Heat: J. H. Ribeiro; 10th Heat: J. H. Ribeiro.

Golf

U.S. Amateur Reaches Match Play Stages

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Play became much more difficult in the American Amateur Golf Championship to-day owing to a high wind and, though Stewart Alexander increased his first-round score by 10 strokes for an aggregate of 144, he led the field of 64 match play qualifiers by a stroke from John Burke.

Johnny Goodman, title-holder, was equal tenth with 152, but the scoring does not really matter as the championship will now be continued by match play.

Marvin Wafel and Johnny Goodman, each 148, followed Burke. Ellsworth Vines, famous tennis player, continued to show he is a golfer, commanding respect by finishing high with an aggregate of 150. Charles Bates, now in Army private, who won the British Championship a few years ago, finished with 154, easily qualifying.

Avoiding Relegation

The Kowloon Football Club actually won on two rinks but tied on aggregate and had to be satisfied with taking three points to Kowloon Tong's two. And the Police, who are challenging K.B.G.C. for supremacy in the Third Division, managed to win on aggregate as the result of J. C. Aitken's 16-shot victory over Hughie Nish.

Of the bottom teams in the First Division, neither Civil Service C.C. nor Kowloon B.G.C. "B" managed to take a single point. The Civil Servants, on their own green, were overwhelmed by Recrelo "A" and Kowloon B.G.C. "B" were washed out by Kowloon C.C. at Cox's Road.

These two teams are in the danger zone, with Recrelo "B" not far off. It is very likely that one of these three sides will be relegated to the Second Division next season.

For the first time in many weeks, M. N. Rakusen's rink failed to give the Civil Servants a point. They had won their previous seven matches, but came a cropper against Johnny Ribeiro's strong rink on Saturday, going down by 16 shots.

The singles champion of the Colony found his opponents far too consistent and had an uphill fight all the way.

C. Roza-Pereira, who skipped a rink for the first time the week before against the Indians, had charge of the same rink against the Civil Servants and proved his worth by beating J. F. McGowan's four by seven shots.

Jackie Noronha, who has been playing very well of late, piloted Recrelo's third rink, which beat W. R. Hillier's rink by nine shots. The latter, who returned from leave recently, showed good form, but found himself against very stiff opposition.

BUT for U. M. Omar's 14-shot victory over A. R. Dallah, Craigengower C.C., who up to last Saturday had not dropped a single point on their own green, might well have been beaten when they entertained the Indians.

As it was, they only got through by three shots on aggregate and had to share the points on the rink results.

The home players must have had a shock when, at tea time, they found themselves nine shots in arrears.

A. K. Minu, who started off by losing a four and three to B. W. Bradbury in the first two heads, led 17-10 at the interval; M. R. Abbas, who began badly by conceding three two's to C. S. Rosset, was ahead by five shots; and A. R. Dallah was three down to Omar.

Shortly after the resumption, the Indians went further ahead. Dallah had crept up to within one shot of Omar, but then he lost a six and a seven in two heads—which rather knocked the wind out of the Indians.

But the game was not over, despite the fact that Omar finished up 14 shots to the good. The Indians still had a chance of pulling off the game and winning by four points to one. But Bradbury's rink did well on the last three or four heads to wipe off Minu's lead and were actually leading by one shot when the last end was played.

This was an exciting head as it was the last of the day—Abbas meanwhile had finished 11 shots up against Rosset—and the Indians

then required four to tie and five to win. When the skips went down to roll the Indians were lying four—thanks to a brilliant drive by A. H. Rumbold, who took out A. E. Coates' first shot, which was only an inch in front of the jack, without moving the kitty.

Bradbury, however, in his first attempt, bumped up one of his front woods for second. Minu then drew second shot, only to see Bradbury push it through.

There was a chance of the Indians, then lying one, scoring a five if Minu could trail the jack two feet. On the other hand, he could have tried to draw second shot—which would have given his rink victory by one shot—but he quite rightly went for the bigger count. He failed and had to be content with a tie on his rink.

This was the stiffest opposition the potential champions have had at Happy Valley this season, all their other matches there having ended in clean sweeps.

The two heads in which Omar scored 13 shots made all the difference between victory and defeat for the two teams.

KOWLOON C.C., on their own green, went a long way towards getting out of the danger of relegation by defeating Kowloon B.G.C. "B" on all rinks.

Except for the game between Teddy Fincher and Len Sykes, the K.C.C. rinks won fairly comfortably. Tommy Madar beating H. L. Lockhart by 22-11 and N. J. Bebbington beating J. C. Gill (skipping for the first time) by nine.

Fincher and Sykes had a good match, both skips being given good support by their No. 3's, W. Mulcahy and P. A. Peckham respectively. Fincher got his nose in front by two shots.

IN the Second Division, J. L. Stephens' rink of N. A. E. MacKay, T. E. Lim and J. N. Wong nearly gave Kowloon Tong victory over Kowloon F.C. despite the fact that the other two Kowloon Tong rinks were down.

Stephens and his men struck their best form to beat E. Kern's rink by 12 shots, but A. J. Kew lost to W. V. 12-6 by six shots and Spary was beaten by P. Youngusband by the same margin.

The Footballers thus took three points against Kowloon Tong's two. They are now six points ahead of their rivals and seem to be in a very good position indeed for the championship.

IN the Third Division, the two teams most interested in the shield—Kowloon B.G.C. and Police—clashed at Austin Road, and though the former were up on two rinks they could not take the major share of the points owing to the brilliance of J. C. Aitken and his rink of J. Hayward, J. S. Riddell and F. Nolan, who defeated J. A. Fraser, Sir Atholl MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish by the match winning margin of 16 shots—which easily covered the two shots lost by A. E. Carey and the four by J. MacDonald.

At the moment, Kowloon B.G.C. are nine and a half points ahead of the Police, who, however, have three matches in hand. The position, therefore, is still very open.

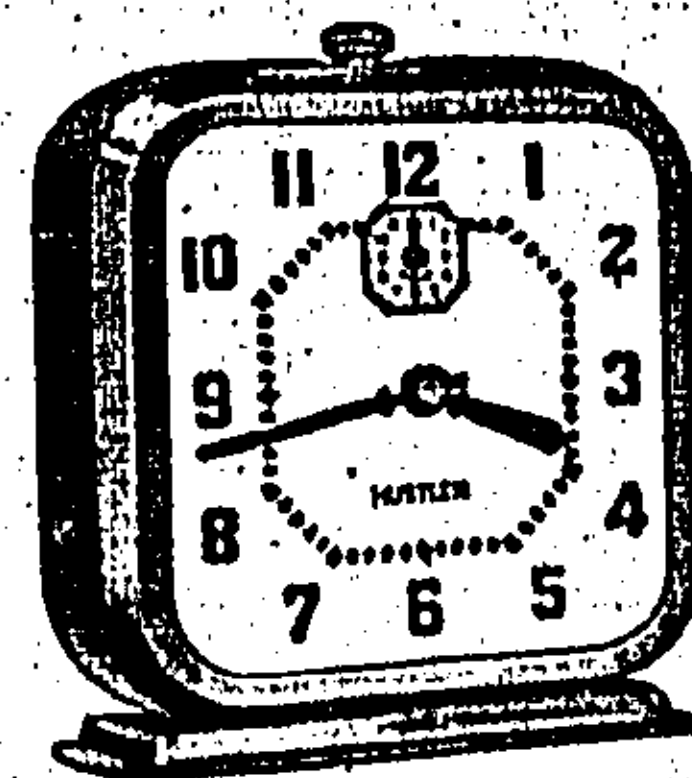
The Indians scored a clean sweep against Hongkong Electric, but they have left their spirit till too late as they have already lost four matches.

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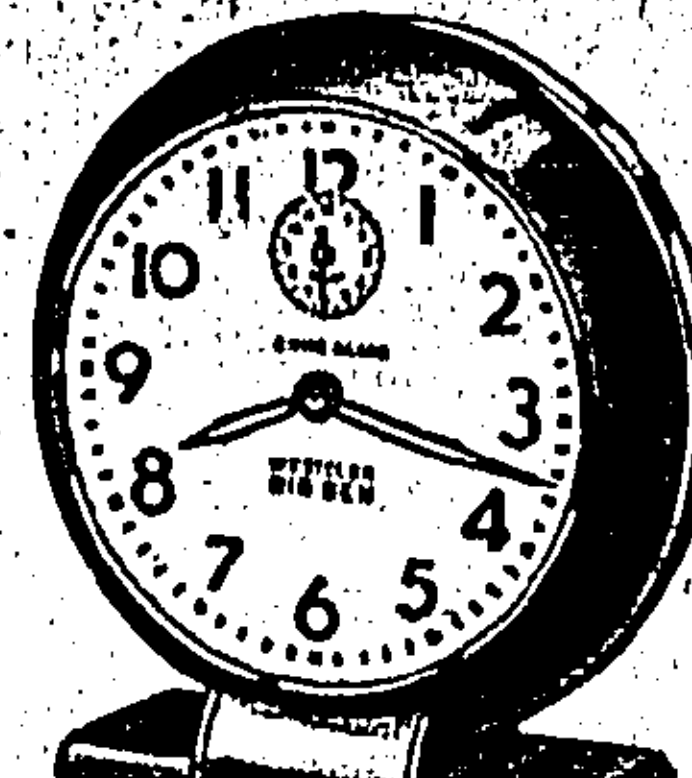
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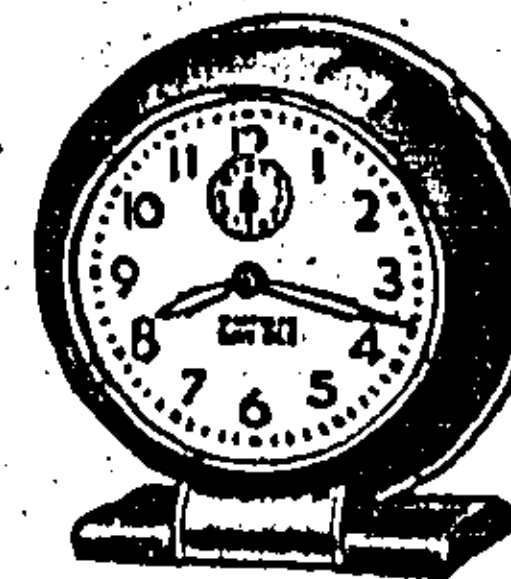
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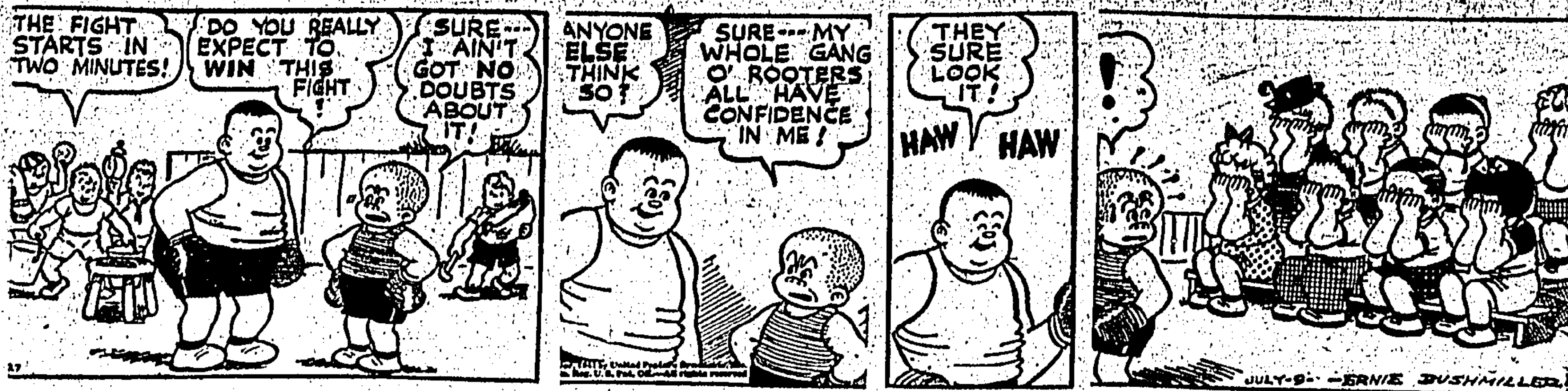
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NO IMPERIAL WAR CABINET

(By "Reuter's" Political Correspondent)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—There has been much discussion in political circles on the question of Dominion participation in the direction of the war. Point has been lent to this discussion by the recent proceedings in Australia.

In regard to the question of an Imperial War Cabinet, it is felt that admirable though such a suggestion is in theory, it presents enormous difficulties in practice.

Reference is continually made to the Imperial War Cabinet in the last war but in fact that Cabinet only met three times, once in 1917 and twice in 1918. It was in fact a gathering of Dominion Prime Ministers.

There have been attempts during this war to arrange for similar meetings of Dominion Prime Ministers, but up to the present it has not been found possible to get them all in this country at the same time.

Full Communication

It must be remembered too that there is very full inter-communication between the various Dominion Governments and this country. Moreover the Dominion Secretary attends every meeting of the War Cabinet and there is a meeting every day between the Dominion Secretary and the High Commissioners who are given a very full account of what is going on. There is also a stream of telegrams between Britain and various British High Commissioners in the Dominions and from them to Britain.

Another suggestion which has been discussed is that visiting Prime Ministers should also be members of the War Cabinet. Although there are certain technical difficulties in this proposal, as in the case of a United Kingdom War Cabinet, in practice any visiting Prime Minister attends the War Cabinet and takes part in all discussions except those of a purely domestic nature, and the fact that he is a Dominion Prime Minister gives him special authority on his own.

Dominion Ministers

A proposal has also been made that there should be Dominion Ministers attending the War Cabinet, but a point is made of what powers they should be given by their Governments.

A Prime Minister can bind his Government but that would not be the position of any other Minister who would presumably have to refer back for approval of any important matter that might arise with all the consequences of delay, and also the fact that to a considerable extent he would be duplicating the present function of a High Commissioner.

It is quite certain that the proposal that one Dominion Minister should represent other Dominions would not be acceptable to the other Dominions. Each Dominion has its own point of view on the various problems that arise and it can and does express it.

War Cabinet Too Large

This difficulty might be solved by the appointment of Ministers from all the Dominions to attend the War

Cabinet, but already criticism is being made in the country that the War Cabinet is too large as at present constituted.

There has been some discussion on the part played by General Smuts in the last war, but he did not represent either the dominions or South Africa. He was invited by Mr. Lloyd George on account of his qualities as a soldier and statesman and it was in his own individual capacity that he acted in the War Cabinet. That situation would not apply to people who came to this country as representatives of the Dominions.

Australia's Interest

Australia is the only Dominion that is showing any interest in this matter at the moment. The aim of the Government over here is to secure the fullest possible collaboration with the Dominions.

Apart from a meeting of Dominion Prime Ministers, which it is still hoped will be held when circumstances permit, there is no idea at present of summoning an Imperial conference. Such a conference, however, would be held when it was felt necessary to deal with the many problems coming up for settlement at the end of the war.

MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—A British Middle East communique issued from G.H.Q. to-day states:

Libya.—In the frontier area, as the result of activity of our patrols, the enemy opened up artillery fire in the Tobruk area, there is no change.

Italian East Africa.—In the Woskeft area, a small detachment, co-operating with Ethiopian patrols, successfully attacked an enemy fort, capturing seven Italians and several machine-guns.

R.A.F. In Action

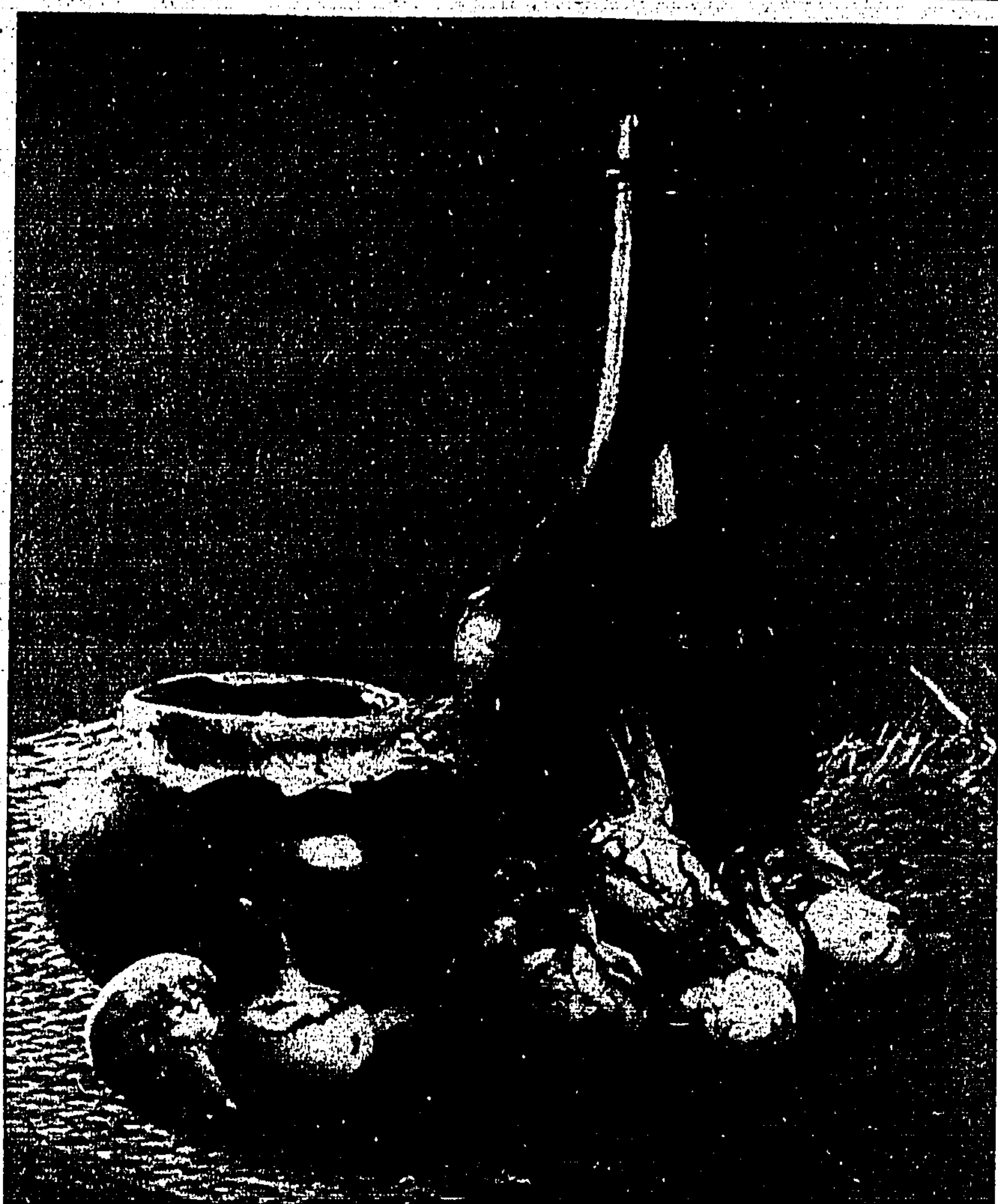
CAIRO, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—In Iran yesterday R.A.F. fighters continued to provide protection for our forward troops. One Hawker-type aircraft was shot down while taking off at Ahwaz and another was attacked on the ground.

Our bombers again dropped pamphlets on Isfahan, Irbil, and Kasbin. Another force successfully bombed gun positions and troops concentrations holding Pytak Pass.

Further reports show that during the operations by our fighters on August 25, four Iranian aircraft, not three as stated in yesterday's communique, were destroyed.

In bombing attacks on Ahwaz aerodrome, direct hits were obtained on a hangar, setting it on fire and destroying at least one Iranian aircraft.

BOMBAY, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Some 1,200 Italian prisoners, including one general and over 500 officers, have arrived here.



One of the photographs entered in Section 1 of the Eleventh Annual Photographic Competition conducted by The Hongkong Telegraph.

Germans And Italians Taken Prisoner In Iran Action

SIMLA, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is learned here that a large number of Germans and Italians are among the prisoners taken at Bandar Shapur. Many Iranian naval prisoners were also taken at Bandar Shapur and Khorramshah.

It is now known that airborne troops were landed at the Haftkel area to protect the employees of the Oil Company.

The British are now in complete occupation of Bandar Shapur, Khorramshah, Sylamanyah and Qasrah-sikh. The whole area west of Khorramshah along the Shatt-al-Arab River right down to Abadan is in British hands.

On the south bank of the Karun River, the British have occupied a naval floating dock situated in a passage of the river between Baselah and Abadan.

Abadan Island is completely cleared of Iranians.

Ready To Temporise?

(BY "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Now that the blow has fallen, the Iranian Government seem disposed to come forward with fresh proposals of a more comprehensive character. It is believed that the Shah informed Sir Reader Bullard, the British Minister in Teheran, that the Iranian Government would be willing to expel all Germans except a few indispensable technicians within a week and even those would be removed as soon as substitutes could be trained.

Now that the two governments have taken steps to reduce the evil of the German fifth columnist manoeuvres, this offer suggests a somewhat tardy appreciation of the circumstances.

The proposals of the Iranian Government will no doubt receive the fullest consideration, but it is obvious that the military operations that have been initiated cannot be suspended until the British and Soviet Governments are satisfied that all potential menace from the Axis in Iran has been effectively countered.

Justice of Reasons

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—While there is no confirmation in London of reports that the Iranian Government may seek a peaceful settlement with Britain and Russia, there is little doubt that the Shah appreciates the formidable nature of the opposition of the forces moving into Iran. "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns

Moreover, it is felt that the Iranian Government must by this time be convinced of the justice of the reasons which led Britain and Russia to take action and of the importance which the Allies attach to Iran's position.

Hope is expressed in London to-day that the Shah might see his way to reach a peaceful solution.

It is learned that the British Minister at Teheran saw the Shah again to-day.

STALIN STALLS U. S. REQUEST TO OBSERVE WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).

Asked whether any naval aid was being prepared for Russia, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, replied at a press conference that he had nothing in mind. He replied negatively to questions whether he planned to send a naval officer to the forthcoming Moscow talks or an additional Naval Attaché to the Moscow Embassy.

As regards the war in Russia, Colonel Knox said the Government had made repeated futile requests to send American observers to the fighting zone. "I wish you fellows would try to work on Joe Stalin to get some observers to the front."

Gallant Airman's Many Flights

LONDON, Aug. 27 (British Wireless).—Among the latest list of R.A.F. awards is that of a bar to the D.S.O. gained by Group Captain Beamish, who, between October 1940 and March 1941 carried out 71 operational sorties.

The official notice of the award states that the "courage and devotion to duty displayed by Group Captain Beamish are of the highest order and he has set a magnificent example."

Group Captain Beamish, who was born in Cork, entered the R.A.F. in 1925 and gained the A.F.C. in 1929. He was awarded the D.S.O. in July 1940 and the D.F.C. in November 1940.

SHAH SOLD ALL GRAIN TO NAZIS

Food Riots Break Out

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated in London that the Iran Government, tempted by favourable credit terms which the Germans offered, have sold for export virtually the whole year's grain harvest as well as stocks of tea and sugar with a complete disregard of the needs of the Iranians.

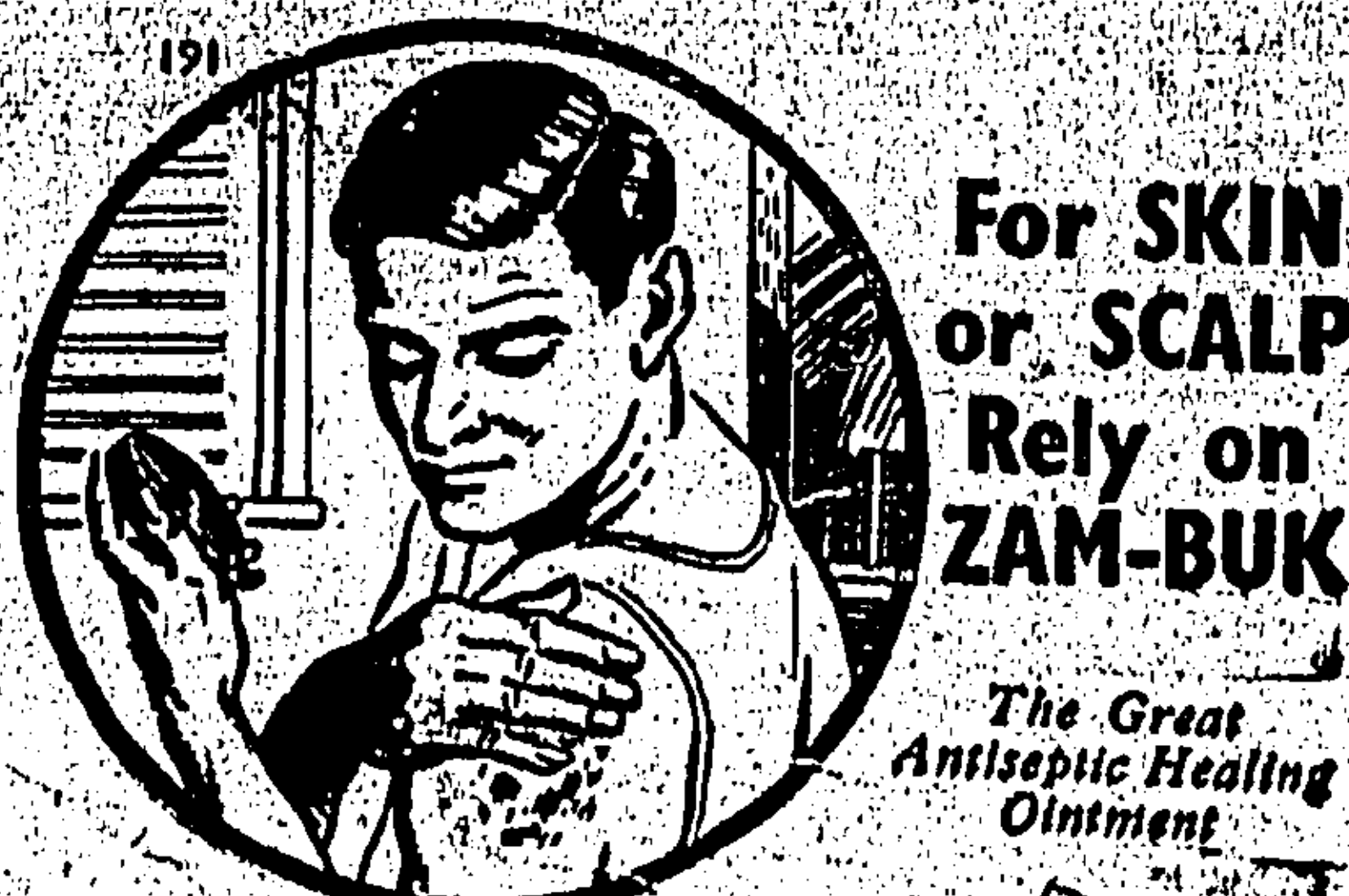
Already there is much destitution. Food riots have taken place in Shiraz, Isfahan, Yazd, Kerman and Hamadan and even in the capital there is a serious shortage, and discontent is rife.

Supplies From Iraq.—It is estimated that in the oil areas of the southwest, the existing supplies will suffice for the barest needs of the civil population only until September 15.

In view of this lamentable state of affairs, orders have been given to the General Officer Commanding the British troops to import at once into the area occupied by the British 550 tons of wheat from Iraq. This represents something like one month's supply and will meet the initial requirements. It will in due course be supplemented by further consignments from India.

Civilian Governor For Bermuda Appointed

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuter).—Viscount Knollys has been appointed Governor and C-in-C, in Bermuda, succeeding Lieut-General Sir Denis Kirwan-Bernard, whose resignation has been accepted by the King. The appointment follows a recent decision that the Governor should be a civilian.



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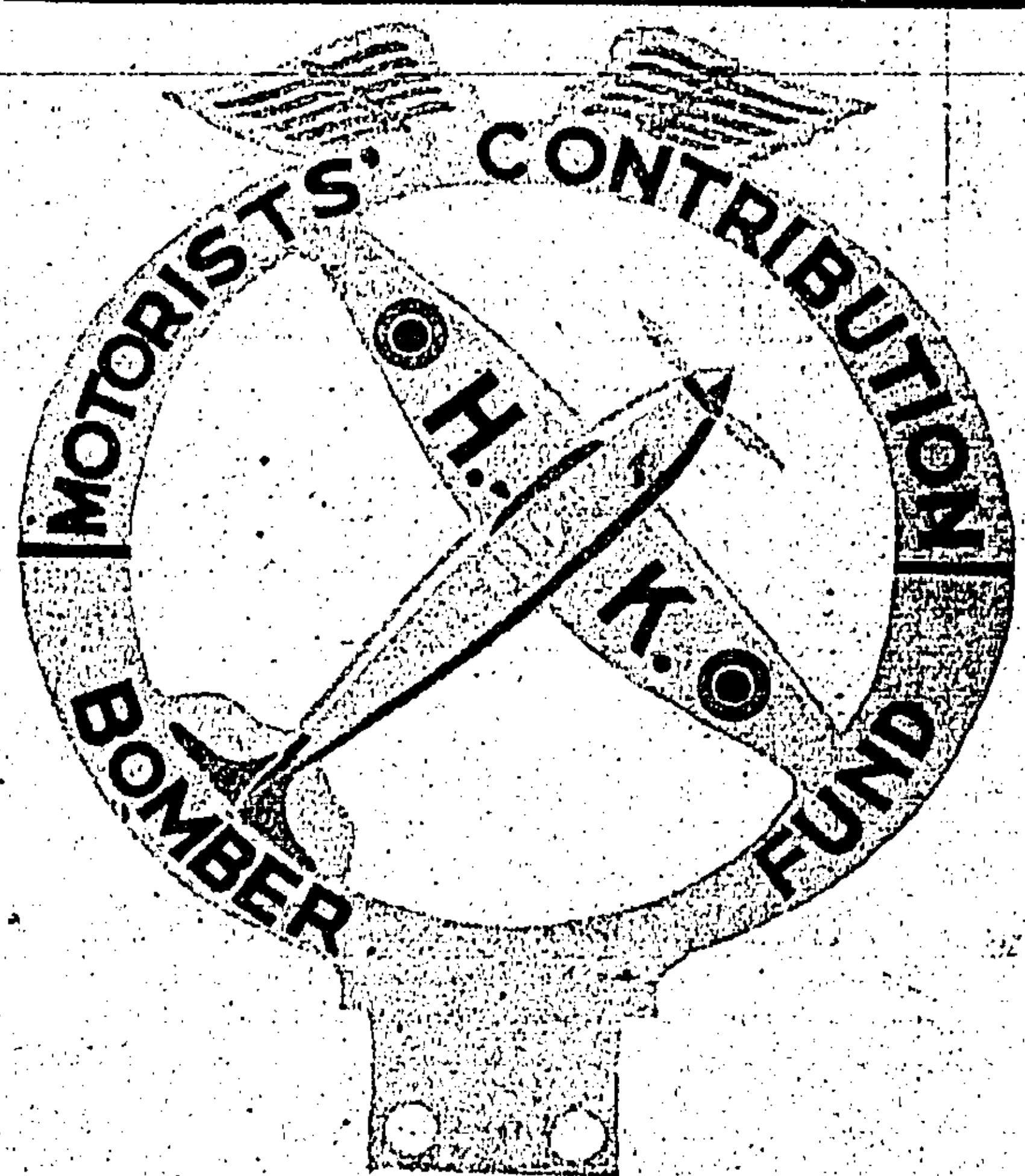
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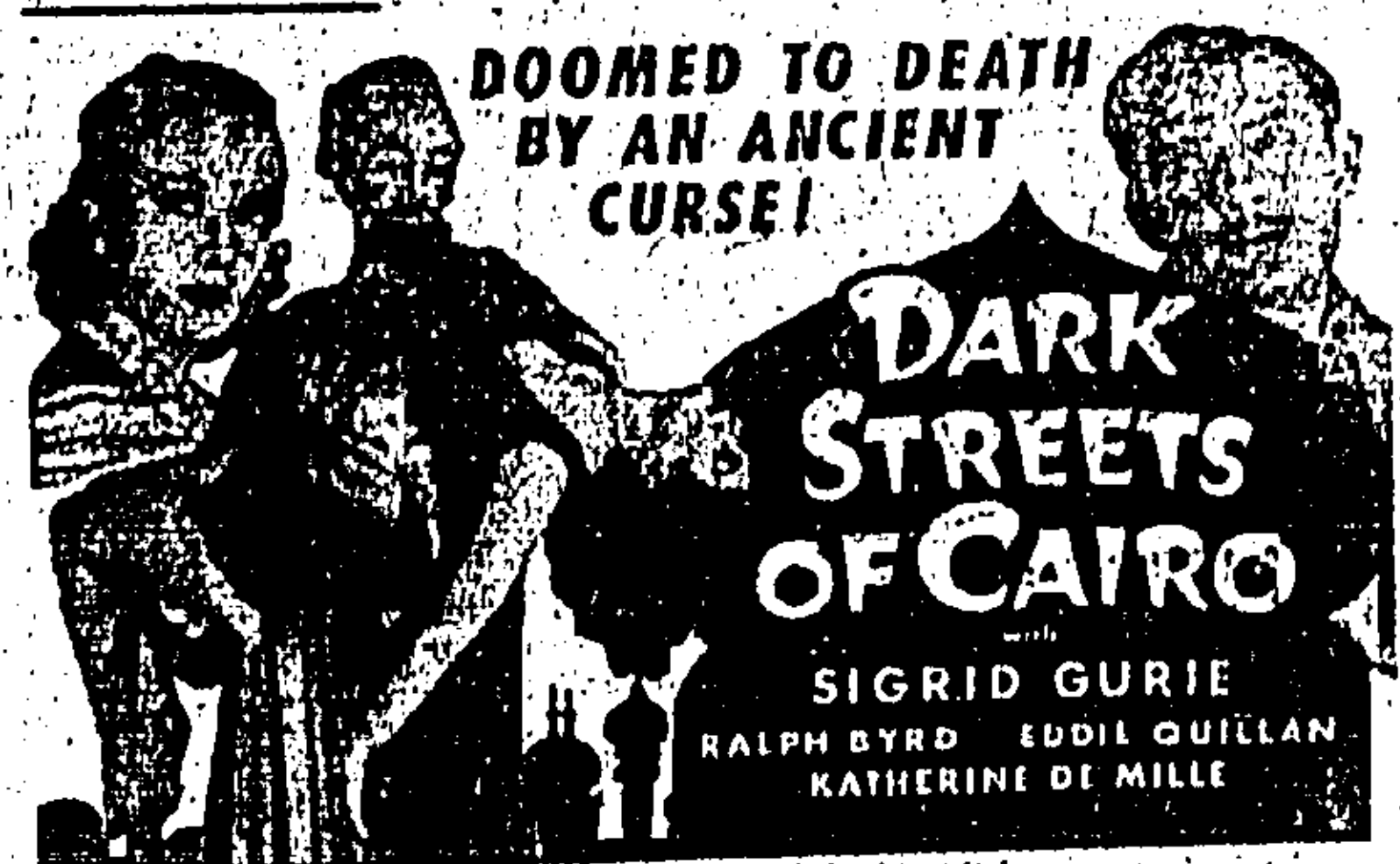
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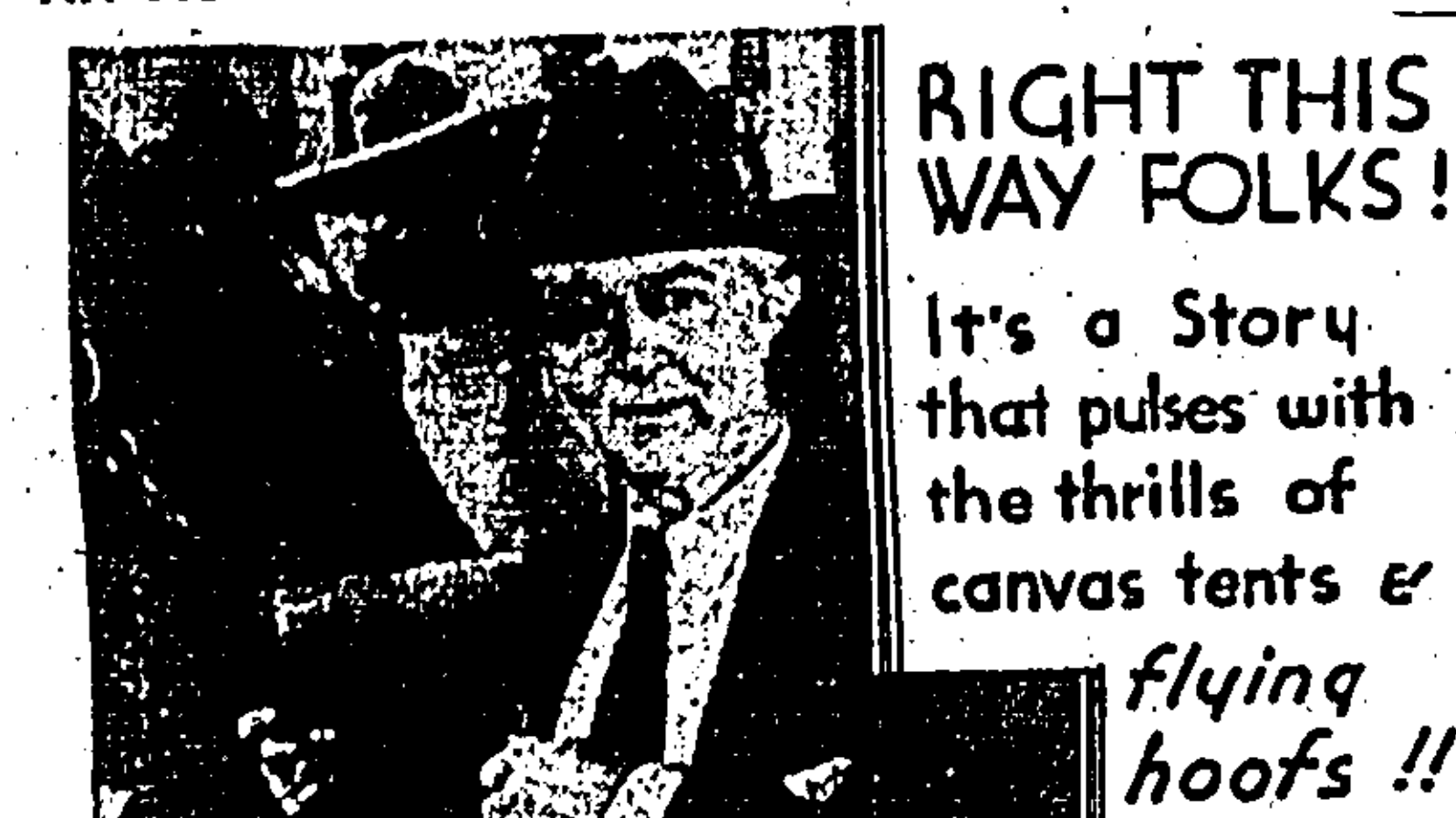
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Attempt On Life Of Pro-German Laval

FROM PAGE ONE

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Successful Operation
M. Laval telephoned to his wife from the hospital at 8.45 p.m. and in a clear voice said that the bullets had been successfully removed from his arm and also his liver, adding, "I will recover." The bullet wound in M. Laval's arm is not serious.

The third victim was Major Duruy whose condition is not serious. The shooting occurred during the flag-raising ceremony in the barracks courtyard when 1,200 volunteers were made ready to go to Poland.

Who's Who
M. Laval is regarded as one of the most outspoken pro-German, anti-Petain figures in Paris. Major Duruy is a member of the National Popular Rally Party in Paris—an anti-Petain political organisation sponsored by Germans. Laval is also a member of this group.

The shooting threatened to inaugurate a wave of German reprisals in the form of severe penalties for anti-Nazi, anti-Vichy troublemakers. The French Government was informed by telephone at 8.30 p.m. of the attacks. The Minister of Justice, M. Barthelmy arrived in Vichy at the same time from Paris where he had instituted anti-terrorist, anti-Communist special courts.

Condition Not Grave
At 10 p.m. the Versailles hospital said that Laval's condition was "not grave." The bullet entered the right side above the liver and tore through the abdomen without tearing the intestine and went out the left side without seriously injuring any of the organs.

The assailant, Paul Collette, although he belonged to a Communist youth organization, enlisted in the anti-Communist Legion which explained his presence amongst the youths who were being mobilised. Laval's operation last 40 minutes.

M. Rene De Chambrun, another former member of the Cabinet, arrived in Vichy at 9.30 p.m. and went directly to the hospital.

Incident Described
LONDON, Aug. 27 (Reuters).—Pierre Laval and Marcel Deat were shot at and wounded—though not seriously—at Versailles this afternoon, says the Vichy news agency.

The assailant was a young man, Paul Collette, aged 20. Count Fernand de Brinon, French Ambassador in the Occupied Zone, afterwards made the following statement to the press, according to the Paris Radio:

"This afternoon Laval and Deat have been the victims of an attack under the following circumstances:
Inspection of Barracks
"At Versailles the first French volunteers of the anti-Bolshevik Legion were to enter their barracks. At the beginning of the ceremony, the French colours were hoisted and La Marseillaise was sung for the first time in occupied territory. Thereafter official visitors inspected the barracks.

"Thousands of the Versailles population in a procession, in which I was present, passed under the porch of the barracks. According to preliminary investigations, Laval and Deat must have been immediately behind me. I heard faint reports to which I paid no particular attention. A few moments later, I observed Laval, supported by some people. He said 'They have hit me.' He was immediately removed to the Versailles Hospital.

"Deat was also wounded.

Deliberate Attack
"The alleged attacker has been arrested. He is a young man who has admitted that he joined the Legion for the purpose of committing the attack.

"Laval was shot in the arm and in his side. The bullet has been extracted.

"Deat was also shot in the arm. The conditions of the victims are not considered to be serious."

To Shoot Someone
Brought before an examining Magistrate, Collette said that he was born at Mondoville in the Department of Calvados. "I only arrived in Versailles this afternoon as a volunteer," he said.

"I had decided to enlist in the Legion with the idea of shooting down someone. The only man I could recognise among the persons was the former Prime Minister, Laval. That is why I fired at him." The inquiry is still continuing.

Strong Russian Counter-Attacks

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for the Germans to attempt to drive in a wedge.

The Russian communiqué again speaks of severe fighting all along the front but does not mention any place specifically. It must be admitted that this severe reference of Russian communiqués does engender a certain degree of nervousness especially as it leaves the field clear for resounding German claims fortunately these have so often proved to be exaggerated that they are always treated with extreme reserve.

Leningrad Area
There is no further news of fighting in the Leningrad area nor, more significant still, is there any information available on the subject of the Russian counter-offensive at Gomel. Considerable importance is attached to this Soviet attack as it is felt it may have a decisive influence in the Surrian salient at Kiev. Here again one is very near to the point of junction between the right of Marshal Budenny.

Having failed in their blitz tactics and the policy of attrition not yet having yielded appreciable results, the Germans are apparently trying to separate the three Russian commands so as to deal piecemeal with the one offering the best chance of success. If they are able to retain the initiative these tactics are certainly full of menace but it is possible that the Russian commanders have some cards up their sleeves.

Borislaw Captured
BERLIN, Aug. 27 (UP).—Radio Berlin to-day announced that Borislaw, near the mouth of the Dnieper river, has been captured. The town was heavily mined. Houses were taken individually with heavy hand to hand fighting. Five Soviet battalions reinforced by pioneers were destroyed, 1,500 were taken prisoner and the streets are strewn with dead.

According to a special communiqué, the Germans have captured Velikite Luiki where they took over 30,000 prisoners and 400 guns. The Soviet dead is estimated at 40,000.

Hugo German Losses
MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (UP).—The Germans lost 80,000 dead and wounded, 200 tanks, 100 guns and 100 planes in the battle of Gomel according to a report from General Ivan Berezovsky.

Hungarian Claims
BUDAPEST, Aug. 27 (UP).—A communiqué issued to-day states that Hungarian troops have crossed the Lower Dnieper at several points. The Soviets "threw all available forces into the east bank of the Dnieper, but counter-attacks repulsed them."

ENEMY CONVOYS SMASHED

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tactics while its gunners kept up a concentrated fire on the enemy planes.

One gunner alone, according to the Air Ministry News Service, fired 1,500 rounds. He saw pieces fall off Messerschmitts but there was no time for checking scores.

Blenheim Worsted
The fleet ships put up a fierce defence and one Blenheim was seen to fly through the thick of the barrage, receive a hit and dive into the sea.

About half an hour later, Blenheims with a fighter escort, sank an even larger convoy off the Dutch coast. There were two lines of merchantmen staggered in line astern with fleet ships at the four corners of the convoy, and two in the middle on the seaward side.

Fighters were seen but they stood off not engaging either the Blenheims or the fighter escort.

Largest Ship Sunk
A Blenheim attacked the largest ship of the convoy from a height of 50 feet, dropping a bomb which blew all the top works off midsheips, causing a billow of black smoke to immediately cover the entire vessel.

Another Blenheim dropped a bomb on the same ship which broke up quickly and sank.

In all, four other ships were hit and left blanketed with flames. Both fighters and bombers machine-gunned bridges and decks of many ships. "Nothing could have lived on those bridges after we had put such loads of fire in them," says one Blenheim gunner.

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Stability Of Tokyo Cabinet Threatened

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the attention is focussed on the tankers passing near Japan, the "Nichi Nichi" newspaper in an editorial to-day says, "It is not just a problem of oil shipments."

It is a tremendous problem which means the success or failure of our international diplomacy.

The paper asserts that Japan's representation to the United States regarding the matter of fuel shipment was "almost too reasonable."

The leader stresses once again the consideration that, while the Soviet Union and the United States may consider the shipments perfectly legal from the standpoint of international law and justifiable because they are from one neutral to another, such shipments are nevertheless an affront to Japan "who is being discriminated against and taken advantage of."

Pointing out that it is decidedly unpleasant for Japan to see shipments of military fuel sent to an unknown destination passing right under her nose, the "Nichi Nichi" concludes, "such actions as are demanded to work against the best interests of Japan, cannot be overlooked."

LATE NEWS

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happened recently urged Konoye to adopt a "stronger leadership" which diplomats interpret to mean that the Premier is unable to continue with his present fence-sitting policy and this would probably result in the establishment of a complete war cabinet when the army, for the first time, would take responsibility for firing policy without the civilian front.

However, it is thought that any change in the Cabinet might not be immediate in the event of Konoye deciding to adopt stronger policies.

Tallinn Abandoned In Mass Of Flames

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 27 (UP).—Reports reaching here state that German troops which are closing in on Tallinn from the south and east will find only the burning and smoking ruins of the most beautiful city in the Baltic.

Gigantic fires in the sky are clearly visible from cities near Tallinn.

It is originally believed that only the port and its ships were set on fire, but it is now believed that the entire city has been made a victim of the Russian scorched earth policy.

According to Helsinki reports, flames are visible from 50 miles across the gulf. The newspaper "Aftonbladet" quotes the Soviet Radio to the effect that not only Tallinn, but all of Estonia is burning and there is not even a single tower remains and not a single bomb is to be found. Oil and other plants have been destroyed while counter-revolutionists and friends of Germany have been liquidated.

Main Railway Cut, Claim Germans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 27 (UP).—The official German news agency claims to-day that German troops have reached and cut off the main Leningrad-Moscow railway at an undisclosed point.

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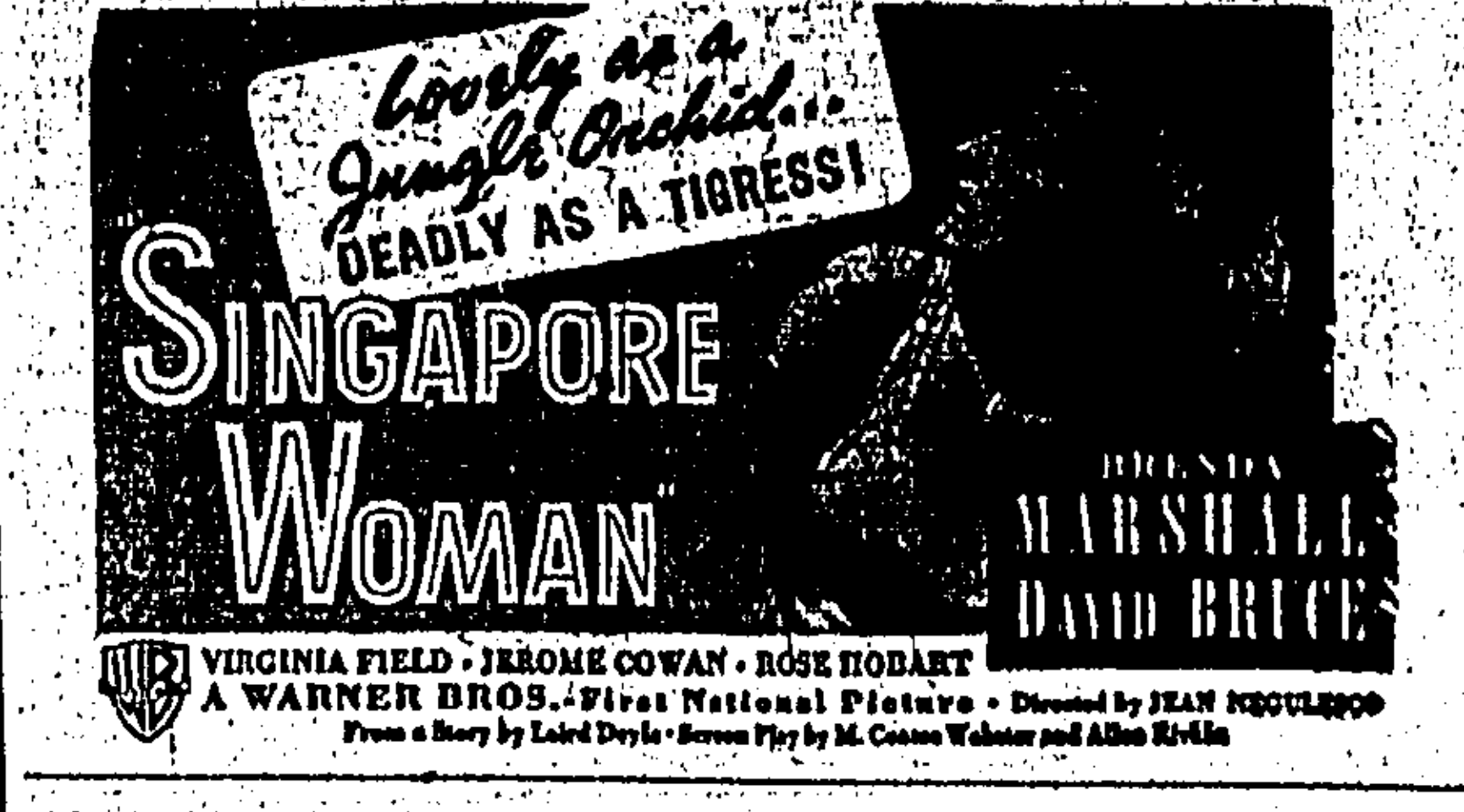
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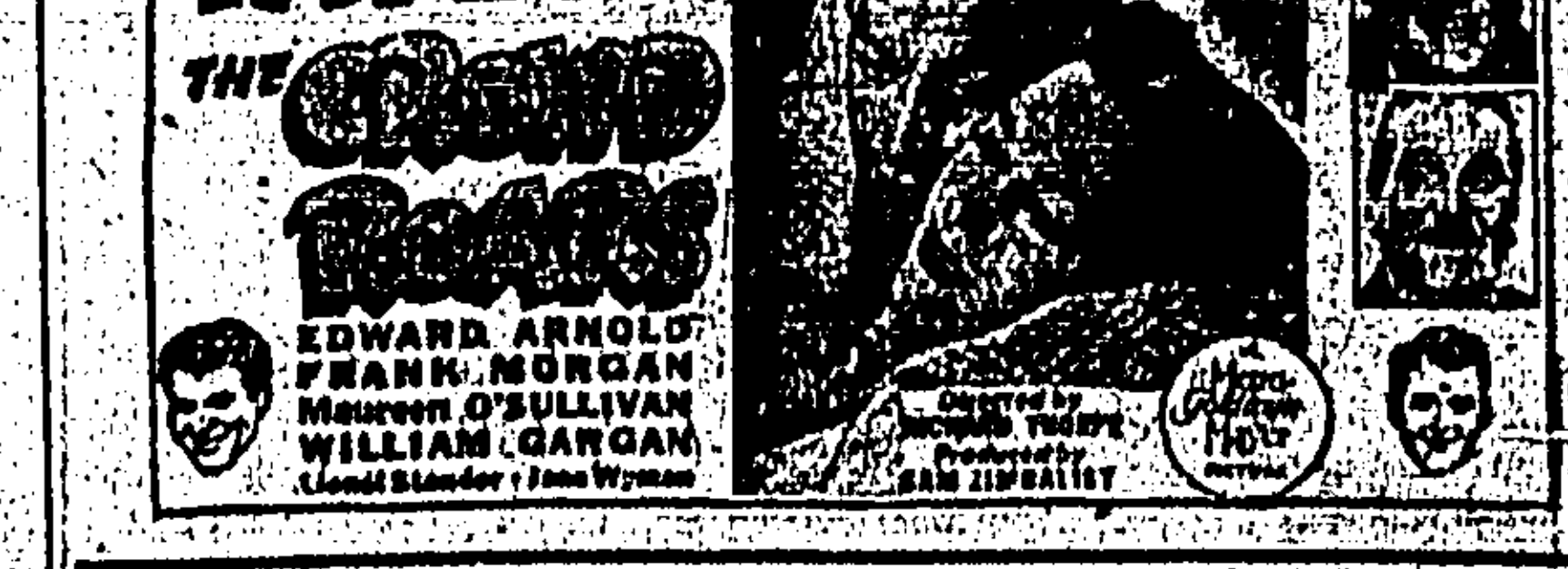
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